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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]
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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING. THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS IS NOW IN SESSION. I'D LIKE EVERYONE TO RISE FOR
8 THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION
9 WILL BE LED BY FATHER P. ANTONIO ESTEVAN OF THE EPIPHANY
10 CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SOUTH EL MONTE AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
11 WILL BE LED BY AL TIMMINS, CHIEF COOK OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
12 POST 377 IN TUJUNGA. FATHER ESTEVAN?

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14 **FATHER P. ANTONIO ESTEVAN:** GOOD MORNING, MY BROTHERS AND
15 SISTERS. LET US GATHER IN PRAYER. ALMIGHTY GOD AND FATHER, WE
16 GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER IN YOUR NAME,
17 TO SERVE YOU AND CONDUCT IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY. WE PRAISE YOUR NAME AND GLORIFY YOU FOR YOUR
19 MERCY KNOWS NO BOUNDS. WE CALL UPON YOUR BLESSING TODAY FOR
20 THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. LORD, GIVE
21 THEM THE VISION THEY NEED TO GUIDE THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES
22 INTO A BETTER FUTURE. GIVE THEM THE COURAGE TO LEAD THE PEOPLE
23 TOWARD THE CREATION FOR A MORE PROSPEROUS AND JUST SOCIETY.
24 GIVE THEM A BIG HEART, A GENEROUS HEART, TO SERVE YOUR PEOPLE
25 WITHOUT COUNTING THE COST. MAY YOUR SPIRIT AND WISDOM BE WITH



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1 THEM TODAY SO THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO PLEASE YOU AND LOVE YOU
2 BETTER AS THEY SERVE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LOS ANGELES.
3 AMEN. MAY ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS YOU, FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY
4 SPIRIT.

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6 **AL TIMMINS:** PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND RECITE WITH
7 ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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9 **AL TIMMINS:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. FATHER, IT'S INDEED MY
14 PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO FATHER PEDRO ANTONIO ESTEVAN THIS
15 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR LEADING US IN OUR INVOCATION
16 THIS MORNING. FATHER PEDRO ANTONIO ESTEVAN WAS BORN IN SPAIN
17 AND HAS BEEN AN ORDAINED PRIEST FOR OVER 22 YEARS. HE
18 CURRENTLY LEADS THE CONGREGATION AT THE EPIPHANY CATHOLIC
19 CHURCH IN SOUTH EL MONTE WHICH ALSO INCLUDES A PARISH SCHOOL
20 THAT INCLUDES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE. FATHER
21 ESTEVAN HOLDS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN THEOLOGY AS WELL AS A
22 MASTER'S DEGREE IN COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGY. WE WANT TO THANK
23 HIM FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOUTH EL MONTE AND WE ALSO WANT
24 TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS CONTINUING SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE TO ALL OF
25 HIS PARISHIONERS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE WERE LED THIS
3 MORNING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY AL TIMMINS. I'M
4 PRESENTING THIS ON BEHALF OF YOUR SUPERVISOR, MICHAEL
5 ANTONOVICH, WHO IS OUT OF TOWN THIS WEEK. AL IS REPRESENTING
6 THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 377 AT TUJUNGA, WHERE HE IS THE CHIEF
7 COOK. HE SERVED THE UNITED-- YES, WE'VE GOT A JOB FOR YOU HERE
8 IN OUR CAFETERIA. [LAUGHTER]

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SERVED IN THE MERCHANT MARINE FROM
11 1943 THROUGH '45, OBTAINED THE RANK OF CHIEF, SERVED IN
12 VARIOUS SHIPS IN THE ATLANTIC, MEDITERRANEAN AND PACIFIC
13 OCEANS DURING WORLD WAR II. HE WAS INVOLVED IN VARIOUS BATTLES
14 IN THESE THEATERS. HE RECEIVED THE ATLANTIC WAR ZONE MEDAL,
15 MEDITERRANEAN MIDDLE EAST WAR ZONE MEDAL, THE MERCHANT MARINE
16 COMBAT MEDAL AND THE MERCHANT MARINE EMBLEM MEDAL. HE IS
17 RETIRED, FORMERLY AN INTERIOR DECORATOR. HE HAS LIVED IN THE
18 FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR 48 YEARS, ATTENDED WEAVER
19 HIGH SCHOOL IN CONNECTICUT AND THE CULINARY SCHOOL OF THE
20 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND HE WAS ACTUALLY HELD FOR FIVE
21 DAYS AS A PRISONER OF WAR IN AFRICA BY GERMAN FORCES AND HIS
22 RELEASE WAS ARRANGED BY ENGLAND. SO YOU'VE SEEN A LITTLE
23 ACTION IN YOUR DAY, SO I GUESS COOKING IS JUST A WALK IN THE
24 PARK.

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1 **AL TIMMINS:** COME OVER SOMETIME.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WILL. YOU GOT A DEAL. DON'T GET
4 BETWEEN ME AND MY FOOD. AL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING
5 DOWN THIS MORNING AND LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
6 AND ABOVE ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU. [
7 APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE THE AGENDA.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
12 BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC
13 HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14. ON ITEM NUMBER 13, AS INDICATED
14 ON THE POSTED AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
15 BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO AUGUST 28TH, 2007.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 13?

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND I NEED A MOTION ON THAT.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION, THIS WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL AUGUST 28TH.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 14, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
25 AGENDA, AT THE MEETING OF JULY 17TH, THE BOARD INDICATED ITS



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1 INTENT TO CONTINUE THE HEARING WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO JULY
2 31ST, 2007.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. JUST TO BE SURE, IS THERE
5 ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO IS HERE ON ITEM 14? PARDON? OKAY.
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE WILL CONTINUE THIS UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY.
7 NEXT ITEM. OH, YEAH, I'LL MOVE IT. MR. KNABE SECONDS.
8 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING WILL BE HELD FOR THE PUBLIC
11 HEARING. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS
12 15 THROUGH 21, ON ITEM NUMBER 15, SUPERVISOR KNABE VOTES "NO".
13 ON ITEM 16, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE
15 WEEK TO JULY 31ST, 2007 AND, ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND
16 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE
17 REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, INCLUDING ITEM 15.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ON ITEM 15, MR. KNABE WILL
20 BE RECORDED AS A "NO" VOTE. IT'S A 3-TO-1 VOTE. I'LL MOVE IT,
21 BURKE SECONDS IT, WITH ONE OBJECTION, MR. KNABE, THAT IS
22 APPROVED. IS THERE A TIME ISSUE ON ITEM 16? CAN WE JUST HOLD
23 THAT? MAKE SURE IT'S NOT COMING UP FOR A HEARING THIS WEEK?
24 IT'S ALREADY BEEN CONTINUED. SO LET'S HOLD THAT.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND ASK THE C.A.O.'S STAFF TO
4 CHECK THAT OUT. THE OTHER ONE, 17, IS BEING HELD.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND, ON THE REMAINDER, BURKE
9 MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 22 THROUGH 34. AND,
12 ON ITEM 26, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
13 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, WHICH WE CAN TAKE UP RIGHT NOW AND THEN...

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO. LET'S HOLD IT AND WE'LL COME
16 BACK TO IT. WE HAVE SOME PRESENTATIONS WE NEED TO MAKE.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SO THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS BEFORE YOU WITH
19 THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 26.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 14, DISCUSSION ITEMS, 35 THROUGH
25 40. ON ITEM 35, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, MY OFFICE



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1 IS REQUESTING THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO MY OFFICE AND
2 ALSO WE WILL HOLD THIS ITEM FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM 37, AS
3 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
4 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY
5 31ST, 2007.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S ITEM 37?

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WAS ITEM 37 AND THE REMAINDER,
10 INCLUDING 35, WE WILL HOLD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 16,
11 MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
12 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
13 GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 1-H, ON THIS ITEM, YOUR BOARD
14 IS ACTING AS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING
15 AUTHORITY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS.
18 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 41-A, WE'LL HOLD THIS FOR A REPORT.
21 ITEM 41-B IS BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY
24 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 17, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON
2 ITEM C.S.-1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
3 HOLD THIS ITEM.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
9 DISTRICT NUMBER 3. 1-H WAS PASSED, CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE A PRESENTATION FOR THE NEW
12 CONSUL-GENERAL FROM INDONESIA. WE ARE HONORED THIS MORNING TO
13 HAVE WITH US THE NEW CONSUL-GENERAL OF INDONESIA, THE
14 HONORABLE -- I'M GOING TO DO MY BEST -- SUBIJAKSONO SUJONO,
15 WHO'S A NEW CONSUL-GENERAL OF INDONESIA HERE IN LOS ANGELES.
16 CONSUL-GENERAL SUJONO RECEIVED A MASTER'S OF ECONOMICS IN
17 MALANGE. HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF HIS
18 COUNTRY IN 1983 AND SERVED IN SEVERAL POSITIONS IN THE
19 MINISTRY WHICH INCLUDED THE DIRECTOR OF THE WESTERN EUROPE
20 DIVISION INVOLVED IN INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; THE
21 DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PROTOCOL AND COUNSELOR AFFAIRS; AND, PRIOR
22 TO ASSUMING HIS POST HERE IN LOS ANGELES, HE SERVED AS
23 SECRETARY FOR THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR PROTOCOL AND
24 CONSULAR AFFAIRS. HE SERVED IN THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY'S
25 ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MINISTRIES OF DENMARK, VIETNAM AND GREECE,



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1 WHERE HE HELD THE POSITION OF MINISTER COUNSELOR OF ECONOMIC
2 AFFAIRS. CONSUL-GENERAL SUJONO IS HERE WITH HIS WIFE,
3 HARRIETI, AND HIS THREE CHILDREN, WHO ARE 21, 19 AND 16.
4 CONSUL-GENERAL, I WANT TO PRESENT YOU, ON BEHALF OF ALL MY
5 COLLEAGUES, WITH THIS PLAQUE AS A TOKEN OF OUR WELCOME TO YOUR
6 POSTING HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
7 WITH YOU IN THE COMING YEARS AND ANYTHING THE COUNTY
8 GOVERNMENT CAN DO TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES,
9 PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO ASK. WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE.
10 INDONESIA IS AN IMPORTANT COUNTRY IN ASIA AND ON THE GLOBE AND
11 WE'RE HONORED THAT YOU HAVE BEEN POSTED HERE IN OUR COUNTY.
12 CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME AND YOU, CONSUL-GENERAL
15 SUJONO, TO SAY A FEW WORDS, IF YOU WOULD.

16

17 **THE HONORABLE SUBIJAKSONO SUJONO:** HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND
18 MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
19 DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS INDEED MY
20 GREAT HONOR TO BE HERE AMONG YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY
21 GENERAL OF [INAUDIBLE] INDONESIA AND LOS ANGELES, I WOULD
22 LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO THE LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY FOR ITS KIND COOPERATION AND ITS COUNTY'S
24 EFFORTS TO ENHANCE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
25 THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA AND LOS



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1 ANGELES, WHICH I AM APPOINTED TO LEAD, HAS THE MISSION TO
2 FACILITY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND SERVE THE INDONESIAN
3 COMMUNITY WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, OF THE UNITED STATES. THEY
4 INCLUDE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA, NEVADA, UTAH, COLORADO,
5 MONTANA, WYOMING, HAWAII AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. THE MISSION
6 OF THE CONSULATE ITSELF INCLUDES PROMOTING ECONOMIC
7 COOPERATION, INVESTMENT, ARTS AND CULTURE AND ALSO TO PROVIDE
8 CONSULAR AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES. THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE
9 OUR COOPERATION IS _____ OPEN FOR THE PROSPECTIVE
10 FUTURE. IN THE ECONOMIC _____, FOR INSTANCE, WE
11 HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE VARIOUS _____ AND
12 INVESTMENT COOPERATION. MOST OF _____ IS CHanneled
13 TO LOS ANGELES AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, AMOUNTING TO
14 APPROXIMATELY 40% OF OUR BILATERAL TRADE. SO IT IS MY FERVENT
15 HOPE THAT THE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION THAT HAS BEEN
16 ESTABLISHED BETWEEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE INDONESIAN
17 CONSULAR GENERAL WOULD CONTINUE TO FLOURISH DURING MY TERM AS
18 CONSUL-GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA. IF THERE IS ANY
19 NEED FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT IS WITHIN THE
20 CONSULATE POWER TO AID, THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDONESIA IN
21 LOS ANGELES WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO ASSIST. THANK YOU. [
22 APPLAUSE]
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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE BIGGEST BUDDHIST TEMPLE IN THE
2 WORLD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S GOOD TO BE THE CHAIR. [
3 LAUGHTER] THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND
6 GENTLEMEN, I HAVE AN INCREDIBLE PRIVILEGE HERE THIS MORNING.
7 I'M GOING TO CALL UP, ASK A LONG BEACH RESIDENT, MAYCIE
8 HERRINGTON, TO JOIN US. ON MARCH 29TH, 2007, MAYCIE HERRINGTON
9 RECEIVED THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
10 THE UNITED STATES. MAYCIE WORKED AS A CIVIL EMPLOYEE AT THE
11 TUSKEGEE AIR FORCE BASE DURING WORLD WAR II FROM 1943 TO 1948
12 WHILE HER HUSBAND, AARON HERRINGTON, WAS A FIGHTER PILOT
13 STATIONED THERE. SHE BECAME A MEMBER OF OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
14 FAMILY AFTER THE WAR AND WORKED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
15 SERVICES FROM 1949 TO 1981. SINCE HER RETIREMENT, SHE HAS
16 CONTINUED TO BE VERY ACTIVE IN THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE
17 TUSKEGEE AIRMEN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND HAS BEEN ITS
18 SECRETARY SINCE 1998. SHE CONTINUES TO DEVOTE MANY HOURS OF
19 COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HAS BEEN A POLL WORKER FOR OVER 40 YEARS
20 FOR OUR COUNTY AND SHE HAS USED HER HOME AS A POLLING PLACE
21 FOR OVER 25 YEARS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, MAYCIE SPENT LAST
22 NOVEMBER 7TH, HER 88TH BIRTHDAY-- WHAT? OH, BOY, THAT'S
23 BAD STAFF WORK. WE'RE AGING YOU THREE YEARS.

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25 **MAYCIE HERRINGTON:** I'M...



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** 85TH BIRTHDAY, ACTUALLY, IN HER GARAGE WORKING THE
3 GENERAL ELECTION. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
4 WE WANT TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE MAYCIE FOR RECEIVING THIS
5 BEAUTIFUL MEDAL THAT SHE HAS WITH HER AND FOR HER 59 YEARS OF
6 LOYAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY. AND JUST TO HAVE AN IDEA HOW SPECIAL, THERE'S ONLY SO
8 MANY OF THESE GOLD MEDALS, THEY'RE ALL MADE INDIVIDUALLY FOR
9 THE RECIPIENTS BUT IT TAKES TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF
10 CONGRESS TO EVEN BE NOMINATED, SO THIS IS A VERY, VERY SPECIAL
11 PERSON, A VERY SPECIAL MEDAL. AS WE ALL KNOW HERE, YOU CAN'T
12 GET TWO-THIRDS OF CONGRESS TO AGREE ON ANYTHING BUT THEY
13 AGREED ON YOU. ALL RIGHT! SO, ANYWAY, LET'S GIVE HER A BIG
14 ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND CONGRATULATIONS, MAYCIE HERRINGTON. [
15 APPLAUSE]

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17 **MAYCIE HERRINGTON:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS FOR HONORING ME TODAY AND PARTICULARLY MR. KNABE,
19 WHO NOMINATED ME. I WAS THRILLED AND DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE
20 OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO WASHINGTON, D.C., ALONG WITH MORE THAN
21 300 OF THE ORIGINAL TUSKEGEE AIRMEN. I WAS SELECTED BECAUSE,
22 DURING WORLD WAR II, I WAS A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ON THE TUSKEGEE
23 ARMY AIR FORCE BASE. MY HUSBAND, AARON, WAS A FIGHTER PILOT.
24 AARON ALSO WAS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR 30 YEARS. I WAS A COUNTY
25 EMPLOYEE FOR 32 YEARS. I THINK THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE FORTUNATE



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1 ENOUGH TO WORK FOR L.A. COUNTY ARE THE LUCKIEST PEOPLE THERE
2 IS AND I JUST SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE
3 THIS HONOR TODAY. AND I HAVE WITH ME MY DAUGHTER, ANN STEWART,
4 WHO WAS BORN ON THE TUSKEGEE ARMY AIR FORCE BASE. ANN, WOULD
5 YOU LIKE TO SAY HELLO? ANN DOESN'T WANT TO TELL YOU HELLO, SO
6 I'LL SAY HELLO FOR HER AND THANK YOU AGAIN.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** CAN YOU SHOW THE MEDAL?

9

10 **MAYCIE HERRINGTON:** OH, YES. HERE'S THE MEDAL. SOMEONE ASKED ME
11 IF YOU COULD WEAR IT AROUND YOUR NECK. I SAID I DON'T THINK
12 SO.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** VERY HEAVY. VERY BEAUTIFUL. YOU'VE GOT TO SEE THE
15 CALLIGRAPHERS DOWNSTAIRS WERE ABLE TO ACCESS A COPY OF THIS
16 AND REPRODUCED IT ON THE SCROLL SO...

17

18 **MAYCIE HERRINGTON:** AND THE PRESIDENT STAYED THROUGH THE WHOLE
19 CEREMONY.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** TWO HOURS.

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23 **MAYCIE HERRINGTON:** THE WHOLE TWO-HOUR CEREMONY IN THE ROTUNDA.
24 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **MAYCIE HERRINGTON:** AND I MADE PICTURE CARDS OF THE ORIGINAL--
2 SOME OF THE ORIGINAL TUSKEGEE AIRMEN AND I HAVE A SET FOR EACH
3 MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** VERY INTERESTING. NOT ONLY ARE THERE PICTURES AND
6 THE NAMES AND EVERYTHING BUT, ON THE BACK IS THE HISTORICAL
7 SIGNIFICANCE OF EACH MEMBER. ACTUALLY WE JUST FOUND OUT THIS
8 MORNING ONE OF YVONNE'S-- SHE GREW UP ON THE STREET WITH ONE
9 OF THE AIRMEN. IS THAT CORRECT?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** ONE OF THE AIRMEN LIVED DOWN THE STREET FROM ME.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU AGAIN. MAYCIE HERRINGTON. WOW. WHAT AN
14 HONOR. NEXT, I'D LIKE TO CALL JORGE OROZCO AND MEMBERS OF THE
15 RANCHO LOS AMIGOS STAFF TO COME UP AND JOIN ME. RANCHO
16 CONTINUES TO BE NATIONALLY-- INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN AS A
17 PIONEER IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATIVE TREATMENT. RANCHO IS ONE OF
18 THOSE CROWNED JEWELS OF OUR COUNTY FAMILY AND HAS ALWAYS
19 RANKED IN THE TOP 20 AMONG REHABILITATION MEDICAL CENTERS IN
20 THE NATION BY U.S. WORLD NEWS AND REPORT AND IS THE ONLY TOP
21 RATED CENTER IN CALIFORNIA. RANCHO'S CONTINUOUSLY RECOGNIZED
22 DUE TO ITS EXCELLENT LEVEL OF SERVICE FROM STAFF, WHO WORK
23 TIRELESSLY TO ASSIST OUR MOST VULNERABLE PATIENTS. IT IS
24 THEREFORE NO SURPRISE THAT, ON MAY 24TH, 2007, RANCHO WAS ONCE
25 AGAIN ACCREDITED FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION. IT'S A TRIBUTE TO



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1 ALL OF OUR RANCHO STAFF THAT RANCHO CONTINUES TO THRIVE IN THE
2 AREA AND BE A LEADER IN THE AREA OF REHABILITATION. SO WE WANT
3 TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO SAY THANK YOU AND RECOGNIZE THEIR--
4 ONCE AGAIN, THEIR GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT BUT ALSO WE JUST FOUND
5 OUT THIS MORNING THAT RANCHO WAS RANKED 16TH IN THE COUNTRY IN
6 REHABILITATION CENTERS, NUMBER 16 AGAIN, IN THE TOP 20 AND THE
7 ONLY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL IN THE STATE OF
8 CALIFORNIA TO BE SO RECOGNIZED. SO, JORGE, YOU'VE GOT A GREAT
9 STAFF. CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE OUT THERE. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** RANCHO DOES IT AGAIN.

12

13 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
14 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING WORK THAT
15 RANCHO HAS DONE. WE HAVE A GREAT TEAM OF LEADERS WHO ARE HERE
16 TODAY THAT REPRESENT THE FINE WORK THAT THE ENTIRE
17 ORGANIZATION DOES. WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF THE U.S. NEWS AND
18 WORLD REPORT CITATION AND WE JUST WANT YOU ALL TO KEEP UP THE
19 GOOD WORK AND WE APPRECIATE BEING RECOGNIZED. THANK YOU. [
20 APPLAUSE]

21

22 **JORGE OROZCO:** I JUST WANT TO SAY, ON BEHALF OF THE ALL THE
23 STAFF WHO REALLY POUR THEIR HEART AND SOUL EVERY DAY IN THE
24 WORK THAT WE DO AT RANCHO, WE REALLY APPRECIATE THIS HONOR
25 FROM SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE BOARD. THE VIBRANCY OF OUR



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1 COMMUNITY IS REALLY MEASURED BY THE PARTICIPATION OF THOSE WHO
2 ARE MOST IN NEED, THOSE WHO ARE DISABLED, THOSE WHO ARE
3 DISENFRANCHISED AND I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
4 FOR THEIR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THE VIBRANCY OF L.A.
5 COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? I DON'T THINK
8 SHE HAS ANY PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD CARLOS JACKSON, LINDA
11 ALEXANDER, BABECK LOVER AND THE SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES. THE LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION HAS NAMED
13 THEIR 2007 HOUSING AUTHORITY RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES.
14 LEANDRA ORDORICA, NHAN LY, ABEL LAM, NINANTE JOHNSON, MARIA
15 ELENA LARA, ALEXIS MOODY AND TRACI HARRIS. THESE INDIVIDUALS
16 WERE SELECTED BASED ON THEIR GRADE POINT AVERAGE, LETTERS OF
17 RECOMMENDATION, PERSONAL ESSAYS AND AUTOBIOGRAPHIES
18 HIGHLIGHTING THEIR INTERESTS AND CAREER GOALS. THE AWARDS
19 RANGE FROM \$1,000 TO \$1,500 AND CAN BE USED FOR COLLEGE OR
20 TRADE SCHOOL TUITION, FEES, BOOKS, AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL
21 NEEDS. THE SCHOLARSHIP, ESTABLISHED IN 1996 BY THE EMPLOYEES
22 OF L.A. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HOUSING AUTHORITY, PROVIDES
23 INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE HOUSING
24 AUTHORITY'S L.A. COUNTY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND SECTION 8
25 PROGRAMS. SINCE 2001, THE C.D.F. HAS ADMINISTERED 65,000 IN



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1 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO 98 INDIVIDUALS. THE RECIPIENTS WILL BE
2 PRESENTED WITH THEIR AWARDS AT THE L.A. COUNTY HOUSING
3 COMMISSION MEETING ON JULY 25TH. IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT
4 I PRESENT THESE SCROLLS TO THE HONOREES, THE SCHOLARSHIP
5 RECIPIENTS AND, FIRST, I'M GOING TO CALL UP ALEXIS MOODY.
6 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO SCHOOL?

7

8 **ALEXIS MOODY:** ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE. CONGRATULATIONS. [
11 APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** MARIA ELENA LARA. AND YOU'RE GOING WHERE?

14

15 **MARIA ELENA LARA:** TO EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** AND SHE GOES TO EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE.
18 CONGRATULATIONS. NINANTE JOHNSON. AND YOU'RE GOING TO SCHOOL
19 WHERE?

20

21 **NINANTE JOHNSON:** UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA CRUZ.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** AND HE'S GOING TO U.C.-SANTA CRUZ.
24 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** AND ABEL LAM. COULDN'T MAKE IT? ALL RIGHT. AND
2 NHAN LY. DID I PRONOUNCE THAT RIGHT? AND YOU'RE GOING TO
3 SCHOOL WHERE?

4

5 **NHAN LY:** (OFF-MIKE).

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. AND SHE JUST GRADUATED FROM CAL STATE-L.A.
8 AND SHE'S GOING TO GO WHERE?

9

10 **NHAN LY:** A.P.U.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** A.P.U. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** AND TRACI HARRIS. LET'S SEE. GET OVER HERE. AND,
15 TRACI, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

16

17 **TRACI HARRIS:** LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** L.A.-SOUTHWEST COLLEGE. GREAT. AND DO YOU WANT TO
20 SAY A WORD?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANTED TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU ON YOUR
23 SUCCESS IN YOUR ENDEAVORS IN YOUR SCHOOL. THIS REALLY IS PART
24 OF WHAT WE DO AND WE STRIVE TO DO AT THE FOUNDATION, SO BEST



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1 OF SUCCESS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING ALL ABOUT YOU IN
2 YOUR FUTURE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS.

5

6 **CARLOS JACKSON:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR BURKE, IT'S
7 BEEN SINCE 2001 THAT THE COMMUNITY OF COMMISSION EMPLOYEES
8 HAVE ENDEAVORED TO RAISE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY FOR SOME OF THE
9 RECIPIENTS WHO ARE LIVING IN OUR HOUSING AUTHORITY SECTION 8
10 AS WELL. AND IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE AT THIS TIME TO PRESENT
11 THE SCHOLARSHIPS BECAUSE I, TOO, BELIEVE THAT, IF
12 OPPORTUNITIES ARE CREATED, PEOPLE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT
13 AND BE POSITIVE MODELS FOR THE FUTURE. AND, ON MY BEHALF, I'D
14 ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE WINNERS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
15 THIS YEAR.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE WITH ALL THE BOARD.
18 DON, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YVONNE, IS THAT IT?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE ONE MORE. ACTUALLY, IT'S A
2 PRESENTATION TO ME, I BELIEVE, FROM STEVE ROSEMARIN AND THE
3 JEWISH WAR VETERANS. STEVE, BRING YOUR DELEGATION UP HERE.

4

5 **STEVE ROSEMARIN:** MR. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ZEV
6 YAROSLAVSKY, IT'S AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT TO YOU
7 THE BERT HERMAN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE JEWISH WAR
8 VETERANS. IT IS ONE OF OUR MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS AND IT'S IN
9 RECOGNITION OF THE TREMENDOUS JOB THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING
10 WITH VETERAN'S ISSUES AND WITH SOMETHING THAT TOOK PLACE A
11 COUPLE WEEKS AGO WHEN WE FINALLY BROKE GROUND FOR THE NEW
12 VETERANS HOME AND JUST LAST THURSDAY AT AMY FISHER HOUSE AND
13 YOUR ACTIVITIES AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND ALSO RALLYING
14 MANY, MANY OF THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT
15 PROPERTY REMAINS IN THE HANDS OF THE VETERANS AND I HAVE ALSO
16 WITH ME TODAY OTIS BLAKE, WHO IS THE AWARD CHAIRMAN. ALSO, HE
17 IS OUR NATIONAL HOMELESS CHAIRMAN OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS
18 AND WE KNOW THAT THE EXCELLENT WORK YOU'VE DONE... (OFF-
19 MIKE)... THERE AT THE PROPERTY AND IT'S OUR PRIVILEGE TO
20 PRESENT TO YOU THE BERT HERMANN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD TO
21 ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES
22 COUNTY, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO THE
23 COMMUNITY, PRESENTED-- ORIGINALLY, WE HAD THIS PRESENTED AT
24 PALM SPRINGS AND YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT FOR OTHER PRESSING



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1 BUSINESS, ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 2007, STEVE ROSEMARY,
2 COMMANDER, OTIS BLAKE, AWARDS CHAIRMAN. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. STEVE, LET ME
5 JUST FIRST OF ALL THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN TODAY BECAUSE I
6 HAD INTENDED TO GO TO PALM SPRINGS AND PICK THIS UP BECAUSE I
7 WAS VERY HONORED AND TOUCHED THAT THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS
8 WOULD HONOR ME AND, THROUGH ME, MY STAFF, FLORA, GIL
9 CHRISOLOPH AND OUR ENTIRE OFFICE, WHICH HAS BEEN FIGHTING SO
10 HARD, AS WELL AS MY COLLEAGUES. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES.
11 THERE'S BEEN NO DIFFERENCE OF OPINION HERE ON THE ISSUE OF
12 PRESERVING THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION IN WEST LOS ANGELES FOR
13 VETERAN SERVICES AND WE'RE GOING TO PREVAIL ON THAT STRUGGLE
14 BUT I'M HONORED AND TOUCHED THAT YOU'VE RECOGNIZED US IN THIS
15 WAY AND THAT YOU WOULD COME DOWN THREE WEEKS LATE TO DO THIS
16 BECAUSE I COULDN'T MAKE IT OUT TO PALM SPRINGS. THIS WILL
17 OCCUPY A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR OFFICE. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.
18 [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NOW WE CAN GET BACK TO
21 THE AGENDA.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TODAY IS THE PUBLIC HEARING DAY. WOULD YOU
24 LIKE TO START WITH THAT?

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES. GO AHEAD. YOU'RE ON.

2

3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 1. THIS IS THE HEARING ON
4 ADOPTION OF A ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 1,
5 GENERAL PROVISIONS, MAKING A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE
6 BOUNDARIES OF THE FIRST AND FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS TO
7 TRANSFER AMIGO COUNTY PARK FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT TO THE
8 FOURTH DISTRICT. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON
9 THIS MATTER.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE
12 WANTS TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NUMBER 1? IF NOT, DO WE HAVE A CARD?

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO, WE DO NOT. ON ITEM NUMBER 1, WE DO NOT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THEN I WOULD CLOSE THE PUBLIC
17 HEARING. MR. KNABE MOVES, MS. MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT
18 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE TO-- THERE'S SOMEBODY NEW
25 SITTING IN THAT NEW C.E.O. CHAIR.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES. THANK YOU. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. LET'S WELCOME BILL

5 FUJIOKA, OUR NEW C.E.O. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR STRAIGHTENING ME

8 OUT, DON. BEEN HERE SO LONG, WE'RE ALREADY USED TO YOU, BILL.

9 IT'S AN ENTIRE WEEKEND. WE HAVEN'T HAD A SINGLE CRISIS. YOU'RE

10 ON A ROLL. WELCOME. WE HAD A GREAT SWEARING IN FOR BILL ON

11 FRIDAY AND I THINK EVERYONE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH

12 YOU AND YOUR REPUTATION PRECEDES YOU, SO WE'RE REALLY LOOKING

13 FORWARD TO THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE BOARD AND YOU AND YOUR

14 OFFICE. WELCOME, BILL. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY ANYTHING AT THIS

15 POINT?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO, NO, NO.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S THE LAST CHANCE YOU'RE EVER

20 GOING TO HAVE. [LAUGHTER]

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'VE TOLD EVERYONE, JUST TIME TO GET TO WORK.

23 THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS, DON. NEXT ITEM, ITEM 2.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND I APOLOGIZE. CAN WE GO BACK? ON ITEMS 2
3 THROUGH 12, ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD,
4 PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. ANYBODY
5 IN THE AUDIENCE.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, THERE ARE A COUPLE. [
8 ADMINISTERING OATH]

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. BACK TO ITEM
11 NUMBER 2. THIS IS THE HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF APPROVED
12 TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING
13 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND 1697 AND COUNTY LIGHTING
14 DISTRICT L.L.A.-1, UNINCORPORATED AND CARSON ZONES AND THE
15 LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ANNEXED TERRITORIES FOR
16 STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009. NO WRITTEN
17 CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SEEING NO ONE...

20

21 **RICHARD WEISS:** I'M SORRY, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE DO HAVE A STAFF
22 PRESENTATION.

23

24 **RANDINE RUIZ:** MY NAME IS RANDINE RUIZ AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL
25 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH



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1 THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
2 DISTRICTS 1687, 1697 AND L.L.A.-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND
3 CARSON ZONE AND LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE
4 FIVE TENTATIVE SUBDIVISIONS REFERENCED IN THE BOARD LETTER.
5 THE CONSENT AND JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON HAS BEEN
6 OBTAINED FOR THE ONE TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION WITHIN THAT CITY.
7 IN MY OPINION, THE TENTATIVE SUBDIVISIONS WILL BE BENEFITED BY
8 THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED
9 ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. WE ARE
10 ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE NEGOTIATED
11 EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE NONEXEMPT TAXING
12 AGENCIES AND THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE FOR
13 THE WEST VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, WHICH FAILED TO RETURN AND
14 ADOPT A JOINT RESOLUTION.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SACHI?

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT
19 THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF THE
20 BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR
21 TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD SO MOVE. SECONDED BY MR.
24 KNABE. THE MATTER WILL BE TABLED UNTIL THE TABULATION OF THE
25 VOTES. NEXT ITEM.



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CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON ITEM NUMBER 3, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY
LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICTS NUMBER 1, 2 AND 4 AND
ZONES THEREIN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008 FOR LANDSCAPE AND PARK
MAINTENANCE PURPOSES, ALSO TO INCREASE THE EXISTING RATES IN
L.L.A. DISTRICTS NUMBERS 2 AND 4 AND TO ADD A NEW CONSUMER
PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT COMPONENT. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
WAS PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER AND I BELIEVE THERE'S DEPARTMENT
PRESENTATION.

11

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: STAFF?

13

PATRICK MALEKIAN: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
PATRICK MALEKIAN AND I'M THE ADMINISTRATOR OF SPECIAL
DISTRICTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. I'M
FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008 WITHIN LANDSCAPING LIGHTING ACTS
DISTRICTS NUMBER 1, 2 AND 4 AND THEIR EXISTING LEVELS FOR ALL
ZONES. EXCEPT FOR PROPOSED INCREASES IN DISTRICT NUMBER 4,
ZONE 68, 69, AND 77 AND PROPOSED INCREASES AND THE ADDITION OF
A NEW C.P.I. ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM IN DISTRICT NUMBER TWO
ZONES, 37, 40, 48 AND 56. IN MY OPINION, ALL THE AREAS WITHIN
L.L.A.'S AREA 1, 2 AND 4 WILL BE BENEFITED BY SERVICE TO BE
PERFORMED. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT WITHIN THE



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1 ZONES FOR WHICH NO INCREASES ARE PROPOSED CONTINUE TO BE
2 SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPOSED
3 INCREASES IN THE THREE IDENTIFIED ZONES WITHIN DISTRICT NUMBER
4 4 AND THE PROPOSED INCREASE AND ADDITION OF A NEW C.P.I.
5 ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM IN THE FOUR IDENTIFIED ZONES WITHIN
6 DISTRICT NUMBER 2 ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR
7 INCREASED MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT COST. AND THIS INCREASE
8 WILL BE SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO
9 WRITTEN PROTESTS TO THE PROPOSED LEVY OF THE ANNUAL
10 ASSESSMENTS FOR L.L.A. DISTRICTS NUMBERS 1, 2 AND 4. IN THE
11 EVENT ANY OF THE PROPOSED INCREASES IN THE 7 IDENTIFIED ZONES
12 RECEIVE A MAJORITY PROTEST, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD
13 IMPOSE THE ASSESSMENTS IN SUCH ZONES AT THE EXISTING LEVELS
14 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT
17 THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF THE
18 BALLOTS AND SCHEDULE JULY 31ST, 2007, FOR TABULATION RESULTS
19 AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WILL SO MOVE. SECONDED BY BURKE.
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 4, THIS IS A HEARING ON
25 CONFIRMATION OF THE 2006/2007 WEED ABATEMENT CHARGES TO BE



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1 ASSESSED TO OWNERS OF UNIMPROVED PARCELS WHICH WERE DECLARED
2 TO BE OVERGROWN WITH HAZARDOUS WEEDS, BRUSH AND RUBBISH AND
3 REQUIRED ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS
4 PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE
7 WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NUMBER 4? SEEING NONE, THE
8 PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. MS. BURKE MOVES, MS. MOLINA SECONDS.
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. ITEM 5?

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 5, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
12 CONFIRMATION OF THE 2006/2007 HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT
13 COSTS TO BE ASSESSED TO OWNERS OF IMPROVED PARCELS WHICH WERE
14 DECLARED A NUISANCE DUE TO EXCESSIVE HAZARDOUS BRUSH, DRY
15 GRASS, WEEDS, COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH OR FLAMMABLE VEGETATION,
16 INCLUDING NATIVE OR ORNAMENTAL VEGETATION AND REQUIRED
17 ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED
18 ON THIS MATTER.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IF THERE'S NO ONE IN THE
21 AUDIENCE WHO WISHES TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM, SEEING NONE, THE
22 PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. KNABE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT
23 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

24



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 6, THIS IS THE HEARING TO
2 CONSIDER AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS FROM THREE
3 TO SEVEN FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LANCASTER CEMETERY
4 DISTRICT. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS
5 MATTER.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY WANTS TO BE HEARD
8 ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED.
9 MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS
10 VOTE.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 7. THIS IS THE HEARING TO
13 PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF
14 THE COUNTY ADJACENT TO CHESTER WASHINGTON GOLF COURSE FROM
15 UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS
16 PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE
19 AUDIENCE WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, THE PUBLIC
20 HEARING IS CLOSED. WHAT ARE THE SOURCES OF THE FUNDS? BURKE
21 MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 8. THIS IS THE HEARING ON
24 PROPOSED SALE OF UNDEVELOPED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE



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1 HOLLYWOOD BOWL TO PAUL OAKENFOLD AND MICHAEL E. MILLS. NO
2 CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE
5 WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING
6 IS CLOSED. I WILL MOVE, MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
7 UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM NUMBER 8. NEXT ITEM.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 9, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
10 PROPOSED SALE OF UNDEVELOPED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE JOHN
11 ANSON FORD AMPHITHEATER TO ROBERT VINCENT BUCK. NO WRITTEN
12 CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE
15 WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS
16 CLOSED. I'LL MOVE. BURKE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS
17 VOTE.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 10. THIS IS THE HEARING TO
20 GRANT A 15 YEAR COUNTYWIDE WATER PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO WALNUT
21 PARK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS
22 PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WANTS
2 TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS
3 CLOSED. KNABE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 11, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
6 AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 8 CONSUMER PROTECTION AND
7 BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND TITLE 11, HEALTH AND SAFETY, TO
8 ESTABLISH A WHOLESALE FOOD MARKET COMPLEX ANNUAL FEE,
9 ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR WHOLESALE FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND
10 VEHICLES, ESTABLISH WHOLESALE FOOD HANDLERS TRAINING
11 CERTIFICATION STANDARDS, DELETE REFERENCES TO RETAIL FOOD
12 FACILITIES AND VEHICLES, DELETE CHAPTER 11.18 HAWKERS AND MAKE
13 OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS
14 PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WISHES
17 TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NUMBER 11? SEEING NONE, THE HEARING IS
18 CLOSED. MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 12, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
21 AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION
22 AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND TITLE 20, UTILITIES TO INCREASE
23 PUBLIC HEALTH LICENSE PERMIT AND SERVICE FEES. NO WRITTEN
24 CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WISHES
2 TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE'LL CLOSE THE PUBLIC
7 HEARING. MR. KNABE?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS THE CONCERN ONCE AGAIN SORT OF BECOMES AN
10 AUTOMATIC PROCESS HERE AS IT RELATES TO THESE FEE INCREASES
11 BUT THEN THE DEPARTMENT TRYING TO RECOVER THE REVENUE DUE TO
12 SOME INCREASED SERVICE COSTS BUT I THINK THERE ALSO HAS TO BE
13 SOME FAIR GIVE AND TAKE. AND, BY DOING THIS BEFORE US TODAY,
14 THESE INSPECTION FEES HAVE BEEN RAISED BY 23% OVER THE COURSE
15 OF FIVE YEARS. 23%, IN REALITY, IN THE LAST THREE YEARS AND SO
16 WE'RE REALLY ASKING THE RESTAURANT FOLKS TO ONCE AGAIN PAY THE
17 BRUNT OF THESE INCREASES AND PARTICULARLY WHAT MY CONCERN IS
18 IS THE SMALL OR RESTAURANT TYPES, NOT THE LARGE CHAINS BUT THE
19 SMALL MOM AND POP KINDS OF RESTAURANTS AND THE IMPACT TO THEIR
20 BUSINESS. SO BEFORE I AGREE TO ANOTHER INCREASE OF 5% NEXT
21 YEAR, I REALLY WANT TO KNOW FROM THE C.E.O. IF ENVIRONMENTAL
22 HEALTH IS OPERATING THE MOST COST EFFICIENT WAY POSSIBLE AND
23 WHETHER YEARLY INCREASES OF THIS NATURE ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY
24 HARMFUL TO SMALL, LOCALLY OWNED RESTAURANTS. SO I THINK THAT--
25 I WAS PREPARED TO BRING IN A MOTION. DO WE HAVE A MOTION?



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1 OKAY. WELL, WE WILL HAVE A MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK, THEN, TO SEE
2 WHAT WE CAN DO TO GET A REPORT BACK NEXT YEAR BEFORE WE MOVE
3 FORWARD ONCE AGAIN WITH THIS ONGOING THING TO SEE WHAT THE
4 IMPACT IS, BECAUSE 23% IN THREE YEARS IS A PRETTY GOOD HIT AND
5 PARTICULARLY FOR THE MOM AND POP RESTAURANTS AND TO SEE WHAT
6 WE CAN OR CAN'T DO TO, YOU KNOW, GIVE AND TAKE AND MAYBE
7 THERE'S THRESHOLDS THAT WE CAN DEAL WITH THE VARIOUS NUMBER OF
8 EMPLOYEES, SIZE OF RESTAURANTS, THOSE KINDS OF THINGS.

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10 **WILLIAM T. FUJIOKA, C.E.O.:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THERE'S A
11 SCALE BASED ON I THINK THE NUMBER OF SEATS WITHIN A RESTAURANT
12 AND SO THE SMALLER RESTAURANTS PAY A MUCH SMALLER FEE THAN
13 YOUR LARGER ONES BUT WE'D BE HAPPY TO COME BACK AND WE CAN SET
14 THE TIME PERIOD FOR US TO REPORT ON THE APPROPRIATENESS OF
15 THIS FEE INCREASE BUT ALSO TO GIVE YOU INFORMATION OR MEET
16 WITH YOUR STAFF EVEN TO PROVIDE IT TO THIS OPEN FORUM, A SCALE
17 THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THAT THE SMALLER
18 RESTAURANTS DON'T BEAR A LARGER BURDEN THAN THE LARGER ONES.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT ARE YOU ASKING FOR, THEN?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** JUST THAT THEY'LL COME BACK. JUST ASKING FOR A
23 REPORT BACK, YOU KNOW. ACTUALLY, I MEAN, NOT IN THE NEAR
24 FUTURE BUT WHAT WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR IS, PRIOR TO ANY REQUEST
25 FOR AN INCREASE NEXT YEAR, THAT WE HAVE THAT DISCUSSION.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO YOU'RE NOT HOLDING IT THIS
3 YEAR?

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. GOTCHA.

8

9 **WILLIAM T. FUJIOKA, C.E.O.:** WE'LL DO THAT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GREAT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, MR.
12 KNABE'S MOTION IS APPROVED AND WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US.
13 BURKE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM 12.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS
16 EXCEPT FOR THE ITEM THAT WAS TABLED FOR LATER IN THE MEETING,
17 ITEM NUMBER 2.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME JUST MAKE A COUPLE OF
20 ADJOURNING MOTIONS AND READ IN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AS WELL.
21 THESE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE
22 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF AARON BLOOM, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF
23 THE THIRD DISTRICT AND NOTED AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER, DESIGNER
24 AND INVENTOR OF FLIGHT SAFETY EQUIPMENT WHO RECENTLY PASSED
25 AWAY. IN ADDITION TO HIS NUMEROUS PROFESSIONAL



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1 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HE WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN HIS RELIGIOUS
2 COMMUNITY AND SERVED AS THE PAST PRESIDENT OF BETH JACOB
3 CONGREGATION IN BEVERLY HILLS. WITH HIS WIFE, RICKIE, HE CO-
4 FOUNDED ETTA ISRAEL CENTER, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED
5 TO ASSISTING DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN. HE IS SURVIVED
6 BY HIS WIFE, RICKIE, DAUGHTER, LYDIA SUSSMAN, THREE SONS,
7 BRUCE, STEWART AND RICHARD AND RICHARD, OF COURSE, IS THE
8 MAYOR OF SANTA MONICA, RICHARD BLOOM, ALONG WITH 11
9 GRANDCHILDREN, 5 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN
10 IN THE MEMORY OF RAND FEINSTEIN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY--
11 RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE EARLY
12 AGE OF 48 AFTER AN ILLNESS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DONNA
13 AND HIS TWO CHILDREN, ELLIOTT AND IZZY. ON BEHALF OF
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PIO
15 ESPINO, AN EMPLOYEE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
16 FOR 17 YEARS WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 14TH. RALPH GRANADO, WHO
17 WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR 34
18 YEARS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 20TH. ALSO ADJOURN IN THE
19 MEMORY OF KENNETH WAYNE ZINC, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82
20 AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, WAYNE AND RICK. LOIS MARIE
21 ASHE, ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING AND
22 SAFETY DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 20 YEARS. MARGARET BARBOSA, WHO
23 WORKED FOR THE CITY OF IRWINDALE FOR 28 YEARS AS A FORMER CITY
24 CLERK AND CITY TREASURER.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN BARBOSA.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. KNABE WILL JOIN IN THAT.

4 DONALD LEROY YOUNGER, JR., PASSED AWAY ON JULY 2ND, SERVED IN

5 THE AIR FORCE DURING THE KOREAN WAR. MOVED HIS FAMILY TO

6 PALMDALE IN 1969, RETIRED FROM PACIFIC BELL IN 1986. AND

7 PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY EARLIER THIS MONTH, JULY 2ND. LINDA

8 MAIDMONT, WHO DIED ON JULY THE 8TH AT THE AGE OF 56. SISTER-

9 IN-LAW OF ROSA GONZALEZ WHO WORKS AT THE M.T.A. ALL MEMBERS ON

10 THAT. RUTH STANDERFER, GRADUATE OF ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL AND

11 FRESNO STATE UNIVERSITY. RUTH HAD 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED

12 SERVICE IN THE FIELD OF NURSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH. SHE PASSED

13 AWAY ON JULY 17TH. THOSE ARE ALL THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS FOR ME

14 AND FOR MR. ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. DO

15 WE HAVE AN ANSWER ON ITEM 16, THE TIMING ISSUE?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** MY UNDERSTANDING, THERE'S NO RUSH. IT'S NOT EVEN

18 MADE THE ASSEMBLY SITE YET, IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **WILLIAM T. FUJIOKA, C.E.O.:** NO, IT HASN'T MADE THE ASSEMBLY.

21 IT'S WAITING FOR A THIRD READING IN THE SENATE. THE SENATE

22 WILL COME BACK WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR SO TO CONSIDER THE

23 BUDGET BUT WE KNOW THEY'LL ONLY FOCUS ON THE BUDGET, SO

24 CONTINUING IT FOR ONE WEEK IS FINE.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 16 WILL BE
2 CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK THEN. ITEM 17? WHO HELD 17? SUPERVISOR
3 KNABE? AND THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WANTED TO BE
4 HEARD ON THIS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. LET'S HEAR FROM THE
5 PUBLIC, IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT FIRST. MICHAEL LEIGHS AND GABRIELE
6 HOOKS. OKAY. WHICHEVER ONE OF YOU WANTS TO GO-- MICHAEL
7 LEIGHS, WHY DON'T WE START WITH YOU?

8

9 **MICHAEL LEIGHS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR.
10 MY NAME IS MICHAEL LEIGHS. I'M WITH L.A. HEALTH ACTION. I'M
11 TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF THIS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
12 MOTION. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING RESULTS IN 57%
13 LESS EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS, 85% LESS EMERGENCY DETOX SERVICES,
14 A 50% LOWER INCARCERATION RATE AND THAT 80% RECIPIENTS STAYED
15 IN HOUSING FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR. WE'VE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE
16 LEADERSHIP ALREADY DEMONSTRATED BY THE COUNTY ON HOMELESS
17 ISSUES GIVEN THE INNOVATIVE \$100 MILLION HOMELESS PREVENTION
18 INITIATIVE. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS MOTION WILL RESULT IN A MORE
19 COORDINATED COUNTYWIDE EFFORT, WILL BETTER INTEGRATE COUNTY
20 HOMELESS SERVICES WITH MUNICIPAL OR CITY HOUSING PROJECTS AND
21 WILL ALLOW THE COUNTY TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE DOLLARS IT
22 HAS ALLOCATED TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GABRIELE?

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1 **GABRIELE HOOKS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. I'M WITH CORPORATION
2 FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS
3 FOR CONSIDERING THIS FACILITATION OF LINKING THOSE SERVICES IN
4 PERMANENT SUPPORT OF HOUSING, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN THE
5 COUNTY-- WHEN THE CITY IS NOW PROVIDING CAPITAL AND OPERATING
6 SOURCES FOR BUILDING SUCH UNITS AND THE STATE IS DOING THE
7 SAME. WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTY PROVIDING THE SERVICES
8 IN THESE UNITS, IT WILL LEAD TO SUCCESS OF THE PEOPLE LIVING
9 ON THE STREETS GOING INTO HOUSING MORE QUICKLY, INCREASING
10 THEIR STABILITY IN HOUSING, DECREASING THEIR RECIDIVISM INTO
11 HOMELESSNESS. AND, GIVEN THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS SO
12 LARGE, IT IS TAKING THE LEADERSHIP TO BRING ALL THESE SERVICES
13 TOGETHER AND LEVERAGE ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE STATE AND CITY
14 AND C.S.H. APPLAUDS YOU AND SUPPORTS YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU BOTH.
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. I SUPPORT THE MOTION BUT I HAD SEVERAL
20 QUESTIONS I'D LIKE TO HAVE ADDRESSED FROM STAFF AND WHOEVER
21 PREPARED THIS PARTICULAR BOARD LETTER. OBVIOUSLY, I THINK WE
22 ALL APPRECIATE THE IDEA THAT THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAMS
23 HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO SAVE MONEY IN HOSPITAL INCARCERATION COSTS
24 IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS LIKE SAN FRANCISCO AND NEW YORK BUT
25 THERE'S TRULY A LEAP OF FAITH, I THINK HERE, THAT WE TAKE



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1 FINANCIALLY IF WE WANT TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN IN L.A. COUNTY
2 BECAUSE I BELIEVE THIS TYPE OF HOUSING WILL REQUIRE A VERY
3 SIGNIFICANT INFUSION OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO CREATE AND
4 PERHAPS SUSTAIN THIS PROGRAM OVER THE LONG HAUL. HAVE WE
5 ESTIMATED OR SEEN WHERE THE SAVINGS WOULD MATERIALIZE OR HOW
6 MUCH THESE PROGRAMS WOULD COST TO IMPLEMENT?

7

8 **LARI SHEEHAN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE HAVE NOT DONE
9 THAT KIND OF A FISCAL CALCULATION YET. I THINK YOU HEARD SOME
10 TESTIMONY ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE IN COST OF SUPPORTING HOUSING
11 VERSUS EMERGENCY ROOMS AND JAILS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE AND
12 WE DO HAVE THAT INFORMATION BUT, IN TERMS OF COMING UP WITH
13 THE COST THAT IS GOING TO ROLL OUT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR
14 EVERY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, THAT PROBABLY HARD TO
15 COME UP WITH AN ESTIMATE. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE THINK THAT WE
16 CAN, THROUGH THIS EFFORT, COME UP WITH SOME IDEA ABOUT, ON A
17 PER UNIT BASIS, DEPENDING ON WHAT THE POPULATION TO BE
18 SITUATED IN THE HOUSING IS, WHAT KIND OF SUPPORTING COSTS
19 WOULD BE INVOLVED AND THAT WOULD BE PART OF WHAT WE WOULD DO.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WOULD GO INTO MY NEXT QUESTION THEN BECAUSE I
22 UNDERSTAND, FROM MY OWN STAFF, THAT THE FEDS WILL BE REQUIRING
23 US TO FOCUS ON PERMANENT HOUSING TO ERADICATE HOMELESSNESS.
24 BUT, IF IT'S AS USUAL, I DON'T THINK WE'LL GET MUCH LONG-TERM
25 HELP FROM THE FEDS, SO THE SET ASIDE DOLLARS WE RECEIVE



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1 THROUGH L.A.H.S.A. IS ABOUT THE ONLY, ASIDE FROM THOSE
2 PARTICULAR DOLLARS, SO IT'S REALLY GOING TO FALL ON US TO
3 SUSTAIN THESE PROGRAMS LONG TERM. SO WOULD THIS REPORT BACK
4 LOOK AT THAT POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT ON THE COUNTY AND WHAT
5 THOSE COSTS MAY OR MAY THE BE?

6

7 **LARI SHEEHAN:** YES, CERTAINLY IT WILL. AND WE ARE FOCUSING ON
8 THE KINDS OF FUNDING THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE INCLUDING MENTAL
9 HEALTH SERVICES ACT, WHICH WILL BE HAVING A NEW INFUSION OF
10 DOLLARS, AS WELL AS EXISTING SERVICES AND HOW WE CAN BETTER
11 LEVERAGE OURSELVES TO PROVIDE THEM THROUGH THIS TYPE OF
12 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** ONE OF THE CONCERNS ABOUT THE MOTION, AND, AGAIN,
15 I SUPPORT IT BUT SOME OF THE LANGUAGE ISSUES, DEVELOPMENT OF
16 PROTOCOLS THAT FACILITATE CONSISTENT PARTNERSHIPS WITH CITIES.
17 I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT IMPLYING TWO THINGS. I SORT
18 OF INTERPRET IT TWO WAY BUT THAT WE'RE DICTATING TO CITIES HOW
19 THEY SHOULD HANDLE THEIR HOMELESS AND HOUSING PROGRAMS BY
20 MAKING THEM FIT INTO THESE SO-CALLED PROTOCOLS AND THE ONE
21 SIZE FITS ALL APPROACH. I DON'T WANT TO SCARE ANYONE OFF, SO
22 MAYBE YOU COULD CLARIFY THAT.

23

24 **LARI SHEEHAN:** THAT'S CERTAINLY NOT OUR INTENT. THE INTENT, AS
25 I UNDERSTAND IT, WOULD BE THAT WE WOULD BE PROVIDING AN



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1 INVENTORY OF THE TYPES OF SERVICES THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDES SO
2 THAT THE CITIES, AS WELL AS COUNSELS OF GOVERNMENT WHO ARE
3 LOOKING AT HOMELESS PROGRAMS, HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT
4 THE COUNTY PROVIDES AND, THAT WAY, THEY'LL HAVE AN INVITATION
5 TO WORK WITH US TO FACILITATE A CUSTOMIZED SITUATION FOR
6 WHAT'S NECESSARY IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, AND, DON, IF I CAN JUST ADD
9 TO THAT BECAUSE I'M MAKING THE MOTION THAT LARI IS ABSOLUTELY
10 ON THE BUTTON ON THAT. IT'S JUST THE OPPOSITE OF TRYING TO
11 DICTATE. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT'S
12 AVAILABLE TO THEM AND THEN THEY CAN PICK AND CHOOSE WHAT WOULD
13 WORK FOR THEM. THAT'S...

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, YOU KNOW, THE THING-- I UNDERSTAND THAT THE
16 C.E.O. AND OTHERS ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON A PROTOCOL WITH THE
17 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. WHAT I WANT, AM LOOKING FOR SOME
18 ASSURANCES THAT WE AREN'T BEING ASKED UP FRONT BECAUSE WORKING
19 WITH THE CITY OF L.A. THAT WE'RE BUYING INTO SOME PROCESS,
20 HEAVY SET OF PROTOCOLS, THAT MAY WORK FOR L.A. BUT NOT
21 NECESSARILY FOR THE SMALLER JURISDICTION BECAUSE WE ALREADY
22 HAVE, LIKE IN MY PARTICULAR AREA, WE HAVE REALLY MOVED FORWARD
23 ON THIS HOMELESS ISSUE, WHITTIER, LONG BEACH AND THE GATEWAY
24 CITIES. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT, YOU KNOW, ABOUT BY BUYING
25 INTO WHATEVER WE DEAL WITH THE CITY OF L.A. IS NOT SO



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1 OVERBEARING THAT IT IMPACTS OR PUSHES OUT THESE SMALLER
2 ENTITIES BECAUSE MAYBE THEY DON'T HAVE THE SAME NUMBERS BUT
3 THEY HAVE THE SAME ISSUES AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO STEP
4 FORWARD AND WE DON'T WANT TO PUSH THEM BACK.

5

6 **LARI SHEEHAN:** YES, SIR. WE TOTALLY AGREE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE
9 ON THAT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S ALL MY QUESTIONS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR
14 QUESTIONS? THANK YOU, LARI. I'LL MOVE IT. MS. BURKE SECONDS.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM 17. MR. BAXTER IS
16 HERE ON ITEM 26. I'M SORRY. I WAS GOING TO TAKE HIM EARLIER.
17 IS MR. BAXTER STILL HERE? OKAY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** OVER HERE.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, MR. BAXTER.

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23 **PETER BAXTER:** GOOD MORNING, SIR. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF YOUR
24 HONORABLE BOARD, MR. FUJIOKA. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS
25 PETER BAXTER AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT MAY BE OF INTEREST



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1 TO YOU, SIR, I'D LIKE TO BE SURE THAT I BRING TO THE ATTENTION
2 TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF FIGHTING
3 FIRE AND SO FAR I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE ANY PARTICULAR
4 ENCOURAGEMENT BUT I'LL TRY ANYWAY AND I'D LIKE TO PUT MY NAME
5 IN. A CANDLE BURNING IN A GLASS CONTAINER WHICH IS OPEN AT THE
6 TOP DEMONSTRATES PRECISELY THE PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY OF THE
7 PROPOSAL TO DENY HOSTILE FIRE OXYGEN. FIRST, THERE IS THE
8 LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE. IN THE PROCESS, A FLAME IS APPLIED TO
9 THE WICK OF THE CANDLE, WHEREUPON THE CANDLE IS IGNITED AND
10 THE CANDLE'S WICK BURNS. THE BURNING CANDLE DRAWS AIR, FRESH
11 AIR, INTO THE OPENING OF THE GLASS CONTAINER AT THE TOP THE
12 CANDLE. THAT IS A RESULT OF THE PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL REACTION
13 WHICH TAKES PLACE AT THE WICK OF THE CANDLE AS IT BURNS. THE
14 WICK, WHICH IS FUEL, COMBINES WITH THE OXYGEN SO THAT THE
15 FRESH AIR TO PRODUCE IT, PRODUCE THE PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION,
16 THAT IS, HEAT, LIGHT AND SMOKE, EVIDENCE OF COMBUSTION OR
17 FIRE. COMBUSTION OR FIRE IS NOW TAKING PLACE. THE QUESTION
18 ARISES, HOW SHALL WE PUT OUT THE FIRE? CURRENTLY, WE'RE USING
19 WATER. AND I'M SUGGESTING, SIR, THAT WE SHOULD DENY THE FIRE
20 OXYGEN AS OUR MAIN PURPOSE OR MAIN GOAL AND THAT'S THE POINT
21 BEHIND MY COMING HERE AND MAKING THIS POINT. NOW, FROM
22 EXPERIENCE, WE KNOW THAT, IF WE PUT A PAD ON TOP OF THE FLAME,
23 A NONFLAMMABLE PAD OVER THE TOP OF THE GLASS CONTAINER, THAT
24 SHALL PUT THE CANDLE OUT WITHIN SECONDS. THAT ACTION PREVENTS
25 FRESH AIR FROM ENTERING THE GLASS CONTAINER. THE ONLY SOURCE



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1 OF OXYGEN FOR THE BURNING CANDLE IS WHAT OXYGEN STILL REMAINS
2 IN THE NOW SEALED GLASS CONTAINER. THE FIRE GOES OUT. THE
3 POINT I'M TRYING TO MAKE IS THAT, IF WE ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF
4 OXYGEN AND THAT'S A DIFFERENT WAY OF LOOKING AT FIGHTING FIRE
5 AND I BRING THIS TO THE KIND ATTENTION OF THE BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS FOR THAT REASON.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **PETER BAXTER:** ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND I
11 THANK YOU, SIR, THANK YOU KINDLY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, PETER BAXTER.

14

15 **PETER BAXTER:** I WISH YOUR NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ALL THE
16 SUCCESS IN THE WORLD.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC
19 HEARING. SEEING NO ONE ELSE WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THAT ITEM,
20 MR. KNABE MOVES, MS. BURKE SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION,
21 UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM 26. SACHI, YOU HAVE A REPORT ON OUR
22 ASSESSMENT? ON OUR ANNEXATION ISSUE?

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 2. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF
25 THE BOARD. AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS



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1 BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS FOR THE ANNEXATION
2 AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE APPROVED TENTATIVE
3 SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
4 DISTRICT 1687 AND 1697, AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1,
5 UNINCORPORATED AND CARSON ZONES. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE
6 APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF ORDERING
7 ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR APPROVED TENTATIVE
8 SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
9 DISTRICT 1687 AND 1697 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS L.L.A.-1,
10 UNINCORPORATED AND CARSON ZONES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WILL SO MOVE. SECONDED BY MS.
13 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM NUMBER 2.
14 NOW WE'RE ON OUR DISCUSSION ITEMS?

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S JUST TAKE THEM IN ORDER, I
19 GUESS. ITEM 35.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I THOUGHT THAT WAS BEING REFERRED BACK TO THE...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ACTUALLY, YOU'RE RIGHT BUT IT WAS
24 HELD FOR DISCUSSION, ALSO. THEN IT'S GOING TO BE REFERRED
25 BACK. WHO HELD IT FOR DISCUSSION, ACTUALLY?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DID.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THIS AND I HAVE A MOTION. I
7 GUESS I WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ON THIS ISSUE WITH REGARD
8 TO THE ARROGANCE OF MAXIMUS AND HOW THEY IGNORED WHEN WE
9 INFORMED THEM. I'M TOLD THAT, ON MARCH 22ND OF THIS YEAR, WE
10 GAVE THEM WRITTEN NOTIFICATION THAT THE REPORT WAS DUE. ON MAY
11 15TH, WE AGAIN GAVE THEM NOTIFICATION IN WRITING THAT THEIR
12 REPORT HAS NOT BEEN FILED AND THAT WE WOULD BE IMPOSING A \$250
13 FEE. THEY IGNORED US THEN. ON JUNE 6TH, WE SENT OUT A
14 CERTIFIED LETTER TO MAXIMUS NOTIFYING THEM THAT WE HAD ALREADY
15 IMPOSED THE \$250 FEE AND THEY WERE INFORMED THAT THERE MIGHT
16 BE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES AT THAT TIME IF WE DIDN'T RECEIVE IT
17 BY JUNE THE 20TH. THEY IGNORED US A LITTLE LONGER. AND, ON
18 JUNE 29TH, WE MADE AN ACTUAL PHONE CALL AND SPOKE TO SOMEONE
19 BY THE NAME OF MR. CARTER MCCRORY WITH MAXIMUS, INFORMING THEM
20 THAT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD AND PLACE THIS ON THE BOARD
21 AGENDA. THEY CONTINUED TO IGNORE US. ON JULY 10TH, WE SENT
22 ANOTHER CERTIFIED LETTER TO MAXIMUS NOTIFYING THEM. SO, VERY
23 FRANKLY, IF THESE LOBBYISTS' REPORTS ARE GOING TO BE IGNORED
24 BY PEOPLE, I DON'T KNOW HOW MAXIMUS HOLDS A MAJOR CONTRACT
25 WITH US. THEY CAN'T FOLLOW SOME BASIC RULES. AND, OBVIOUSLY,



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1 THEY DON'T MIND PAYING THIS LITTLE MEASLY FEE SINCE THEY'RE
2 TOO BOTHERED TO EVEN MAINTAIN SOME BASICS OF REPORTING THEIR
3 RESPONSIBILITIES. SO I HAVE A MOTION THAT BASICALLY SAYS-- AND
4 I DON'T KNOW IF YOU RECEIVED IT. COUNTY CODE REQUIRES ALL
5 ENTITIES DOING BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY, EITHER BY CONTRACT,
6 PERMIT, GRANT LICENSE OR FRANCHISE, TO FILE QUARTERLY LOBBYING
7 REPORTS. AFTER FIVE SEPARATE ATTEMPTS THROUGH CERTIFIED
8 CORRESPONDENCE AND SO ON AS I MENTIONED, ONLY WHEN THREATENED
9 WITH DEBARMENT, WHICH MEANS WE WOULD TAKE AWAY THEIR RIGHT TO
10 HAVE ANY CONTRACT, DID MAXIMUS RESPOND TO THE EXECUTIVE
11 OFFICE, SUBMIT THE REQUIRED REPORTS AND PAY THE REQUIRED
12 PENALTY FEE OF \$2,000. NOW THAT MAXIMUS IS IN COMPLIANCE, THE
13 CURRENT COUNTY ORDINANCE DOES NOT PROHIBIT MAXIMUS FROM
14 SEEKING ADDITIONAL COUNTY CONTRACTS. CURRENTLY, MAXIMUS HAS A
15 CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FOR
16 OVER \$23 MILLION AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING AN
17 EXTENSION WITH THE COUNTY. MAXIMUS IS NOT THE FIRST COMPANY TO
18 IGNORE COUNTY LOBBYING RULES AND WILL LIKELY NOT BE THE LAST
19 AS LONG AS THE PENALTY FOR IGNORING THESE RULES IS ONLY A TINY
20 FRACTION OF THE OVERALL CONTRACT THEY HAVE WITH THE COUNTY.
21 THE CURRENT NO HARM, NO FOUL PUNISHMENT AGAINST THOSE
22 PROVIDERS COULD FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE COUNTY'S ORDINANCE
23 THAT NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT
24 COMPANIES THAT DO BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY ARE MORE RESPONSIVE
25 TO OUR RULES, THE BOARD SHOULD STRENGTHEN THE CURRENT



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1 ORDINANCE BY CREATING GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY. I THEREFORE MOVE
2 THAT THE BOARD RATIFY THE \$2,000 SANCTION IMPOSED AGAINST
3 MAXIMUS AND DIRECT THE C.E.O., ALONG WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
4 AND COUNTY COUNSEL, TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL
5 RESULT IN MORE STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT OF THE COUNTY'S LOBBYING
6 ORDINANCE. OPTIONS THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED INCLUDE BUT ARE
7 NOT LIMITED TO A MECHANISM FOR PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE,
8 INCLUDING PERMANENT BARRING OF FUTURE CONTRACTS WITH THE
9 COUNTY, AND THE CANCELLATION OF EXISTING CONTRACTS WITH THOSE
10 COMPANIES WHICH DEMONSTRATE A PATTERN OF NONCOMPLIANCE.
11 SECONDLY, HIGHER MONETARY PENALTIES, INCLUDING A PERCENTAGE OF
12 THE EXISTING CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTY, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.
13 AND THESE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD
14 ON AUGUST 21ST. SO THAT IS A MOTION THAT I HAVE SO THAT
15 HOPEFULLY THEY CAN BE MUCH MORE ATTENTIVE TO SOME VERY BASIC
16 RULES HERE AT THE COUNTY.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL SECOND THAT. AND I'LL JUST
19 ADD, I AGREE. THIS WAS NOT A VERY SMART THING FOR THIS
20 CONTRACTOR TO DO. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY WERE THINKING.
21 IT RAISES THE QUESTION IF, ON THIS MINOR ISSUE, VERY MINOR
22 ISSUE, TO THEM AND TO THE REST OF THE WORLD, THEY CAN'T
23 COMPLY, THEN IT MAKES ME WONDER HOW COMPLIANT THEY ARE ON THE
24 BIG ISSUES. SO ACTUALLY, FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, THIS HAS
25 RAISED MORE QUESTIONS THAN IT'S ANSWERED, THIS LITTLE EPISODE,



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1 AND IT WAS JUST A BAD BUSINESS JUDGMENT, ASIDE FROM EVERYTHING
2 ELSE, IT'S JUST PLAIN STUPID. FOR \$2,000? IT'S STUPID WITH A
3 CAPITAL "S" SO THANKS FOR THAT MOTION. IS THERE ANY OTHER
4 DISCUSSION?

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** HAVE ALL THE FORMS BEEN FILED AT THIS POINT?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** EVERYTHING HAS BEEN FILED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES, THEY HAVE.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THEY HAVE?

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, ONLY AFTER THEY WERE KICKED
17 IN THE PANTS A FEW TIMES. WHO WAS IT THAT DID NOT FILE? WAS IT
18 THE COMPANY OR THEIR ADVOCATES?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I BELIEVE IT WAS THEIR COMPANY. YES.

21

22 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** MY UNDERSTANDING, SUPERVISOR, IS THAT MAXIMUS
23 IS A LOBBYIST EMPLOYER, SO THEY HAVE IN-HOUSE LOBBYISTS.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO, WITHOUT OBJECTION, MS.
2 MOLINA'S MOTION IS APPROVED. AND, ON THE ITEM ITSELF, YOU WANT
3 IT REFERRED BACK TO YOUR OFFICE OR RECEIVE AND FILED? NOTED
4 AND FILED?

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE ACTUAL ITEM ITSELF, RECEIVE AND FILE.
7 AND I BELIEVE, IN SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION, SHE IS RATIFYING
8 THE \$2,000 SANCTION. SO THAT WOULD BE CORRECT.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THAT WOULD BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR
11 ITEM 35.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THERE IS NO NEED FOR ANY
16 FURTHER ACTION. IT'S APPROVED AND WE'RE DONE WITH 35.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT ITEM IS 36?

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 36 IS THE 2-1-1 L.A. COUNTY.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GLORIA, YOU WERE HOLDING THIS ONE,
25 TOO, I THINK? 36? 2-1-1.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. ON 2-1-1, I HAVE SPOKEN WITH BRYCE
3 ABOUT THIS AND MY STAFF HAS SPOKEN TO BRYCE AND I THINK THAT
4 ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE HAD IS WE HAVE NOT PUT IN UP
5 FRONT A SET OF EVALUATION TOOLS TO TALK, TO SPEAK TO THE KIND
6 OF QUALITY THAT WE'RE EXPECTING. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, FROM
7 THE STAFF ASSESSMENT THAT WAS DONE FROM MY OFFICE, THAT THEY
8 ARE DOING A FAIRLY EFFECTIVE JOB IN RESPONDING TO MANY OF
9 THESE CALLS. IT ALWAYS WOULD BE NICER IF, IN FACT, THEY DIDN'T
10 HAVE THAT HORRIBLE THING THAT WE ALL HAVE WHEN WE CALL OUR
11 BANK, WHAT IS IT CALLED? THE ROBOTIC KIND OF, YOU KNOW, IF YOU
12 NEED THIS, DO 1, IF YOU NEED THAT-- BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT
13 THERE IS MANY, MANY CALLS THAT ARE RECEIVED AND THEY HAVE A
14 LOT OF EMPLOYEES ON STAFF THAT ARE ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES. I
15 THINK IT ALSO WOULD BE NICER IF THERE COULD BE SOME WAY THAT
16 THEY COULD TRACK THE ABILITY OF WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT
17 RESPONDED OR NOT. AND MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO DO ON
18 OUR END WHEN THEY GET THESE REFERRALS FROM 2-1-1, TO SEE HOW
19 THE DEPARTMENTS ARE RESPONDING TO FOLKS. YOU KNOW, WE TALK
20 ABOUT, IN OUR STRATEGIC PLAN, THAT WE'RE CUSTOMER FRIENDLY,
21 THAT, YOU KNOW, IT'S ONE OF OUR VERY FIRST GOALS AND YET WE'RE
22 NOT REALLY ASSESSING THIS. AND 2-1-1 COULD GO A LONG WAY TO
23 ASSIST US IN ASSESSING IT. SO I'VE TALKED TO BRYCE AND THEY'RE
24 GOING TO LOOK AT PUTTING IN SOME EVALUATION CRITERIA SO THAT
25 WE CAN-- AND IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT HOW THEY'RE DOING BUT HOW WE



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1 CAN MAKE IT BETTER, HOW WE CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVE. SO I THINK
2 THAT HE'S AGREED THAT WE'RE GOING TO INCORPORATE THAT AND I
3 THINK THAT'S A GOOD THING. THE OTHER PART OF IT IS THE WHOLE
4 ISSUE OF THE MARKETING COMPONENT. THE MARKETING COMPONENT,
5 WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT, AND I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT
6 IN ALL MARKETING COMPONENTS, IS THAT YOU GIVE SOME CONSULTANT
7 A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY AND SAY GO MARKET WHAT WE GOT. I DON'T
8 THINK THEY HAVE THE ABILITY AS YET TO EVEN REALIZE WHO WE NEED
9 TO MARKET TO. I KNOW THERE'S BEEN SOME ANALYSIS OF WHERE WE'RE
10 GETTING THESE PHONE CALLS FROM AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WHERE
11 WE'RE GETTING THE PHONE CALLS FROM IS WHEN SOMEBODY IN THE
12 OFFICE SAYS, "LOOK, I CAN'T HELP YOU FIND A PLACE TO LIVE BUT,
13 HERE, GO CALL THIS NUMBER, THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU."
14 AND SO WE'RE NOT DOING THAT WELL. NOT EVERYONE KNOWS TO CALL
15 2-1-1 FOR EVERYTHING THAT THEY NEED FROM THE COUNTY. SO WE
16 NEED TO GET THE WORD OUT. BUT I THINK IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE
17 VERY, VERY CONCENTRATED AS TO WHERE YOU DO IT BECAUSE, AGAIN,
18 I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT ARE GOING TO BE
19 MORE SERVED THAN OTHERS. SO WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO-- AND I HAVE A
20 MOTION THAT BASICALLY STATES THAT WE SHOULD APPROVE THE 3
21 PERCENT COLA BUT REQUIRE THAT THE C.A.O., IN CONSULTATION WITH
22 OUR BOARD OFFICE, TO DEVELOP AN IMPROVE METHODOLOGY IN
23 MONITORING THE QUALITY OF SERVICE PROVIDED TO CALLERS AND
24 ASSESS BOTH THE TYPE OF PHONE CALLS AND WHAT TYPE OF
25 ASSISTANCE IS BEING PROVIDED, INCLUDING STATISTICALLY



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1 SIGNIFICANT SURVEY OF CALLERS AS PART OF THE ASSESSMENT METHOD
2 TO COLLECT FOLLOW-UP DATA ON ANY COMPLAINT CALLS AND RELATE TO
3 A LACK OF FOLLOW-UP FROM OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR SERVICE
4 AGENCIES SHOULD BE INCLUDED. AND TO REPORT BACK TO US ON 60
5 DAYS OF THOSE METHODOLOGIES. AND, AGAIN, THIS ISN'T JUST 2-1-1
6 DOING IT. THIS IS ON OUR END, AS WELL. WHEN YOU REFER SOMEBODY
7 TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR PUBLIC WORKS OR WHATEVER, HOW ARE THEY
8 RESPONDING TO THAT? WE DON'T REALLY HAVE A TRACKING SYSTEM AS
9 TO HOW THAT'S BEING DONE. AND THEN, SECONDLY, I DON'T MIND
10 APPROVING UP TO \$250,000 FOR MARKETING. I DON'T MIND THAT BUT
11 I DON'T HAVE A PLAN AS TO HOW YOU'RE GOING TO MARKET AND I
12 THINK I'D LIKE TO KNOW THAT. I NEED TO KNOW IF YOU'RE JUST
13 GOING TO THROW IT AT SOME CONSULTING FIRM AND THEY CAN TELL
14 YOU, "OH, YOU KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO DO P.S.A.S AND DO THAT KIND
15 OF STUFF", THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE DOES. I'D LIKE TO HAVE
16 MORE OF A PLAN AND A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE'RE GOING
17 TO DO AND WHAT OTHER KINDS OF OPTIONS WE MIGHT HAVE AVAILABLE
18 THAT ARE GOING TO COST US ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. I DON'T KNOW
19 WHAT KIND OF CONTACT WE'VE MADE WITH ALL OF THE RADIO STATIONS
20 AND NEWSPAPERS AND EVERYONE TO CARRY THIS MESSAGE ABSOLUTELY
21 FREE, WHICH THEY WOULD DO. I DON'T KNOW WHAT EFFORT WAS MADE
22 IN THAT REGARD. SO, IN MY MOTION, I HAD SAID THAT, BEFORE WE
23 PROVIDED THIS MONEY, THAT THEY WOULD COME BACK, ON SEPTEMBER
24 THE 4TH, WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD ON THE BEST
25 MARKETING AND EXPENDITURE APPROACH TO THE OUTREACH EFFORT. SO



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1 I'D LIKE TO DO THAT. I JUST THINK THAT WE REALLY-- WE NEED TO
2 KNOW. IT'S OUR SYSTEM. I MEAN, WE'RE THE ONES, THEY'RE CARRY
3 OUT OUR SERVICE AND, FOR THE MOST PART, ARE DOING A GOOD JOB
4 BUT WE NEED TO GIVE THEM MORE DIRECTION OF WHAT WE WANT AND
5 HOW WE WANT IT AS WELL AS HOW TO MARKET IT. IT ISN'T SOMEBODY
6 COMING IN TELLING US, "THIS IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO." A LOT OF
7 IT, BECAUSE I GUESS WE DO SO MUCH WORK WITH OUR CONSTITUENTS
8 AND INTERFACE WITH SO MANY OF OUR OWN COMMUNITY PEOPLE OUT
9 THERE, THAT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO INCORPORATE US IN SOME
10 OF THESE ISSUES AS TO HOW TO OUTREACH TO THESE COMMUNITIES.

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN? I'LL SECOND.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. BURKE IS NEXT. YOU'LL SECOND.
15 LET ME JUST-- I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE APPROACH. THE
16 ONLY THING I WANT TO RAISE IS THIS REFERENCE TO THE
17 UNINCORPORATED IN THE BODY OF YOUR MOTION. AND I WOULD ASK
18 THAT WE NOT LIMIT IT TO THE-- FOCUS ON OUR UNINCORPORATED
19 BECAUSE...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** FAIR ENOUGH. BECAUSE HEALTH AND OTHER AREAS...

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WOULD AGREE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S IMPORTANT IN THE CITY OF
3 L.A., SOME OTHER AREAS, SO IF I CAN SUGGEST, IF YOU JUST GET
4 RID OF THAT PARAGRAPH THAT STARTS WITH "BEFORE" AND THEN IT
5 WOULD BE FINE.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE SECOND THING. WHERE DID THE
10 \$250,000 FIGURE COME FROM? IS THIS SOMETHING THAT WAS
11 GENERATED BY 2-1-1 FOLKS OR BY YOU OR IN COLLABORATION? WHY
12 DID THEY PICK THAT NUMBER FOR THE P.R. CAMPAIGN? BECAUSE THE
13 REASON I SAY THAT, I DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT BUT PART OF ME
14 IS SYMPATHETIC TO WHAT MS. MOLINA IS SAYING ABOUT MAYBE IT
15 COULD BE DONE CHEAPER. PART OF ME SAYS, FOR \$250,000, YOU
16 COULDN'T GET 1 INCH, 1 MILLIMETER OF PENETRATION IN THE L.A.
17 MEDIA MARKET. SO I'M NOT SURE WHERE THIS CAME FROM AND WHY.

18

19 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. BRYCE
20 YOKOMIZO WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. THE \$250,000 WAS PRESENTED
21 TO US BY 2-1-1 L.A. COUNTY IN THEIR WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE
22 WITH THEIR CONSULTANTS. SO THIS IS A DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT THEIR
23 STRATEGISTS HAVE DEVELOPED.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHO IS THEIR CONSULTANT?



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2 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** IT IS ROGERS GROUP.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ROGERS & ASSOCIATES? SO WHEN YOU
5 COME BACK AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THE MOTION, ON MS.
6 MOLINA'S MOTION, I'D LIKE YOU TO ASK THE 2-1-1 PEOPLE TO ALSO
7 GET ROGERS AND ASSOCIATES PLUGGED IN FRONT AND CENTER ON THIS
8 SO THAT, WHEN THE PRESENTATION IS MADE BACK, THAT THEIR INPUT
9 IS INTEGRAL TO THIS. I WOULD EVEN, AT THE RISK OF OPENING UP
10 ANOTHER OPTION, IS MAYBE IT TAKES MORE THAN \$250,000. I DON'T
11 KNOW WHAT THE CITY DID ON 3- 1-1 BUT THEY HAD A LOT MORE
12 ATTENTION ON THE 3-1-1 ROLLOUT THAN WE HAD ON THE 2-1-1
13 ROLLOUT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY PENETRATED THAT FAR.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I CAN TELL YOU MY WIFE USES
18 3-1-1 RELIGIOUSLY. SHE MAY BE 50 PERCENT OF THEIR CALL LOAD. [
19 LAUGHTER]

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT SHE SEES GRAFFITI AND SHE'S ON
22 THE PHONE. BUT, YOU'RE RIGHT, WE DON'T KNOW. SO THAT MAY BE
23 ALSO SOMETHING TO SEE HOW THEY'VE DONE. THIS IS A GREAT TOOL.
24 AND WE OUGHT TO MAXIMIZE IT AND LEVERAGE IT FOR ALL IT'S
25 WORTH. AND IF IT MEANS SPENDING SOME MONEY TO GET IT OUT



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1 THERE, IT'S WORTH IT. BUT IT'S NOT WORTH SPENDING MONEY AND
2 NOT GETTING IT OUT THERE AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT SOME OF US
3 ARE CONCERNED ABOUT. YESTERDAY, WHEN MR. FUJIOKA WAS IN MY
4 OFFICE, I PICKED UP THE PHONE AND DIALED 2-1-1. AND, 15
5 MINUTES LATER, IT'S PROBABLY AN EXAGGERATION, LET'S PUT IT
6 THIS WAY, WE NEVER GOT A LIVE VOICE. BILL SAID, "MY
7 APPOINTMENT WAS OVER, HE HAD TO GO SEE ANOTHER SUPERVISOR." IT
8 TOOK TOO LONG. AND WHAT I WAS DOING, MY HYPOTHETICAL, I WANTED
9 TO KNOW HOW LATE THE KING HARBOR URGENT CARE CENTER WAS OPEN.
10 THAT WAS GOING TO BE HOW-- SO I DIALED 2-1-1, FOLLOWED ALL THE
11 PROMPTS AND NEVER GOT-- FINALLY, GOT A LIVE VOICE, I SHOULD
12 SAY, AND IT WAS SOMEBODY WHO SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO
13 THAT QUESTION BUT HE WOULD TRANSFER ME TO THE URGENT CARE. IT
14 RANG FOR ABOUT A MINUTE AND A HALF AND THEN I JUST HUNG UP. SO
15 SOMETHING-- AND WE'RE ALL REASONABLY EXPERIENCED AND
16 KNOWLEDGEABLE IN FOLLOWING PROMPTS. AND SINCE I WANTED TO
17 IMPRESS OUR NEW C.A.O., I WAS PAYING VERY CLOSE ATTENTION TO
18 THE PROMPTS. BUT EVEN I WILL LOSE MY CONCENTRATION IF THESE
19 THINGS GO ON FOREVER. AND SOMEBODY WHO IS IN A HURRY, AN
20 AVERAGE CITIZEN IS JUST NOT GOING TO SIT THROUGH THAT. SO I
21 WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE NUMBER, AS I THINK GLORIA WAS JUST
22 ADDRESSING THAT, TOO. SO THAT'S ANOTHER THING. YOU COULD GET
23 GOOD PENETRATION ON THE P.R. CAMPAIGN AND THEN LOSE YOUR
24 CLIENTELE BECAUSE IT'S NOT DOING WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO DO OR
25 NOT SERVING BEST. SO THOSE ARE A FEW THINGS. ALL THAT CAN BE



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1 DEALT WITH, ALL THAT CAN BE IMPROVED BUT I'D HATE TO SEE THIS
2 TOOL NOT GET THE MAXIMUM UTILIZATION. SUPERVISOR BURKE THEN
3 MR. KNABE.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, ONE OF THE ISSUES I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT WAS
6 HOW THEY SELECTED A CONSULTANT. ORDINARILY, THE CONSULTANT
7 DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE PLAN UNTIL AFTER YOU'VE HIRED THEM. SO
8 THE IDEA OF US ASKING FOR A PLAN, A MARKETING PLAN BEFORE
9 YOU'VE PAID THEM ANYTHING IS REALLY A NEW APPROACH SO I
10 WONDERED, WAS THERE A COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF THE CONSULTANT?
11 AND THEN, THE CONSULTANT, WAS THIS COMPETITIVE IN TERMS OF THE
12 AMOUNT THAT WAS GOING TO BE PAID? WAS THE PLAN PRESENTED BY
13 EACH CONSULTANT THAT WAS CONSIDERED? AND THIS IS THE PLAN THAT
14 YOU HAD ADOPTED?

15

16 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YES, SUPERVISOR BURKE, JOINING US TODAY IS
17 MARY BELL MARINE, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF 2-1-1 L.A.
18 COUNTY. SHE IS PREPARED TO ADDRESS THAT.

19

20 **MARIBEL MARIN:** SURE. NO, WE DID NOT BID THIS OUT
21 COMPETITIVELY. WE WENT WITH ROGERS MAINLY BECAUSE THEY HAD A
22 LONG RECORD IN DEALING WITH SOCIAL SERVICE TYPE ISSUES,
23 PRIMARILY WITH THE FIRST FIVE CAMPAIGN THAT THEY'VE BEEN
24 RESPONSIBLE FOR AT THE STATEWIDE LEVEL AND ALSO JUST A GENERAL
25 SOCIAL MARKETING CAMPAIGNS. SO WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM.



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1 THEY HAD BEEN PARTICIPATING ON OUR BOARD MANY YEARS AGO, SO WE
2 WERE FAMILIAR WITH THEIR WORK. THEY'RE NOT ON OUR BOARD ANY
3 LONGER BUT WE DID NOT BID THIS OUT COMPETITIVELY.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** HAVE THEY ALREADY SUBMITTED A PLAN OR ARE THEY NOW
6 GOING TO SUBMIT THE PLAN AFTER YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE MONIES TO
7 PAY THEM?

8

9 **MARIBEL MARIN:** THEY HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED A PLAN FOR OUR
10 CONSIDERATION.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO SHARE? DO
13 YOU HAVE THE PLAN WITH YOU? THAT MAYBE SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IF
14 THEY HAVE THE PLAN, MAYBE YOU MIGHT WANT TO HEAR IT NOW? OR DO
15 YOU WANT TO WAIT TO HEAR IT?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE HAD ALREADY ASKED FOR THE PLAN. WE DIDN'T GET
18 ONE.

19

20 **MARIBEL MARIN:** YES, I SUBMITTED A PLAN AND I ALSO SUBMITTED A
21 SUMMARY OF WHAT THE PLAN PROPOSED. WE DO A LOT OF MARKETING
22 AND, IN THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR, WE SUBMITTED A
23 MARKETING PLAN FOR 2-1-1 ACTIVITIES AND IT'S ALL BASED ON A
24 GRASSROOTS APPROACH, SOME DOOR-TO-DOOR CAMPAIGN. WE DID ABOUT
25 500,000 DISTRIBUTIONS OF DOOR-TO-DOOR MATERIALS. WE HAVE A



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1 P.S.A. THAT WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED TO QUITE A NUMBER OF RADIO
2 STATIONS AND T.V. STATIONS. WE PUT OUT ABOUT 2-1/2 MILLION
3 PIECES A YEAR OF OUR BROCHURES THROUGH DIRECT MAIL TO AGENCIES
4 THAT PROVIDE REFERRALS TO US. SO WE DO A LOT OF GRASSROOTS
5 MARKETING AND WE INTEND TO CONTINUE THAT GRASSROOTS MARKETING.
6 WHAT ROGERS WAS PROPOSING TO DO WAS REALLY HELP US WITH
7 REBRANDING THE SERVICE BECAUSE THE CONCERN THAT WE WERE HAVING
8 IS THAT THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE REALLY CONSIDERED THIS AS A
9 CRISIS LINE AND WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO DO IS BROADEN THE
10 APPEAL OF THE SERVICE TO FOLKS WHO HAD NEVER TRIED IT BEFORE
11 BECAUSE THEY WERE UNAWARE THAT THE SERVICE EXISTED OR THOUGHT
12 IT WAS A CRISIS LINE. AND SO WHAT WE WERE DOING WITH ROGERS
13 WAS HELPING TO RECRAFT OUR MESSAGE. AND THEN THE NEXT PHASE OF
14 THE WORK, THE \$250,000 PROPOSAL, WAS FOR HELPING US TO DEVELOP
15 SOME RELATIONSHIPS WITH SOME KEY MEDIA MARKETS, PRIMARILY
16 UNIVISION AND TELEMUNDO, TO GET MORE RECOGNITION WITH SOME OF
17 THE SPANISH LANGUAGE AND COMMUNITY-BASED NEWSPAPERS AS WELL SO
18 THAT THEY START USING 2-1-1 IN CONJUNCTION WITH HUMAN INTEREST
19 STORIES. THE PROBLEM THAT WE GET IS THAT, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T
20 WANT TO JUST DO A BIG PUSH ON 2-1-1 AND THEN GET A SURGE THAT
21 LASTS LESS THAN A COUPLE OF WEEKS. WE'RE TRYING TO REALLY
22 EDUCATE THE PRODUCER, THE EDITORS, THE STORY WRITERS ABOUT 2-
23 1-1 AND HOW YOU CAN PULL 2-1-1 INTO HUMAN INTEREST STORIES
24 OVER THE LONG TERM. SO THAT'S WHAT THE \$250,000 PROPOSAL IS.
25 WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THE GRASSROOTS FREE STUFF. THAT'S



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1 DEFINITELY PART OF OUR CAMPAIGN. BUT WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT
2 THE COUNTY NEEDS TO BE MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE WITH THE APPROACH
3 THAT'S BEING TAKEN AND WE DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH GOING BACK
4 AND WORKING WITH THE C.E.O. AND LOOKING AT THE ISSUES THAT
5 HAVE BEEN RAISED AND MAKING SURE THAT YOU GUYS HAVE A COMFORT
6 LEVEL.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I SUSPECT THAT, IF IT'S ROGERS AND ASSOCIATES,
9 THEY'VE PRESENTED A WRITTEN PLAN TO YOU.

10

11 **MARIBEL MARIN:** YES.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** PERHAPS YOU COULD SHARE THAT?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, MS. BURKE, I THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS
16 THAT WE NEED TO DO IS WE HAVE BEEN TREATING THIS AS JUST AN
17 OUTSIDE THING TO DO, JUST HAVE SOMEBODY ELSE DO IT. WHAT I'M
18 TALKING ABOUT, INVOLVING THE C.E.O. AND THEIR STAFF, IS TO
19 INCORPORATE THE DEPARTMENTS. WE DO MILLIONS OF MAILINGS A
20 YEAR. I DON'T KNOW IF WE COULD MAIL WITH YOUR LITTLE TAX THING
21 ABOUT THIS. WE MAIL OUT WELFARE CHECKS. WE MAIL OUT ALL KINDS
22 OF NOTICES FROM PUBLIC WORKS. I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF OUR OWN
23 EMPLOYEES KNOW ABOUT 2-1-1. SO IT'S LIKE, HOW DO WE
24 INCORPORATE WHAT WE DO EVERY SINGLE DAY? IN AREAS OF PUBLIC
25 HEALTH, WE HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH FAIRS, WE DO ALL THESE KINDS OF



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1 THINGS AND THAT'S THE INTERFACE THAT I DON'T SEE GOING ON AND
2 I THINK THAT THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO. NOW, AGAIN, YOU'RE
3 STILL GOING TO NEED A CONSULTANT TO DRAW UP WHAT THIS WILL
4 LOOK LIKE.

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** HE'S PROBABLY ALREADY DRAWN THAT UP. MAYBE HE'S
7 CHANGED SOME...

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I DON'T KNOW THAT. I'M JUST SAYING IT
10 DOESN'T RELATE BACK INTO US. IT'S, LIKE, OUT THERE AND WE HAVE
11 A LOT OF EMPLOYEES AND THEY SHOULD INTERFACE WITH THE
12 DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECEIVING THESE PHONE CALLS
13 AS TO WHAT KIND OF-- AS MR. YAROSLAVSKY SAID, IT DOESN'T DO A
14 BIT OF GOOD THAT YOU GET THE WORD OUT AND THEN THERE ISN'T THE
15 RESPONSE BACK. IF THE DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT TAKING THESE CALLS
16 SERIOUSLY, NOT LOOKING AT IT EFFECTIVELY AND BEING RESPONSIVE,
17 I MEAN, THAT'S A VERY LEGITIMATE CALL, I MEAN, ON THE COMP
18 CENTER. AND, YOU KNOW, HOW ARE THEY GOING TO ANSWER THIS? THE
19 DEPARTMENTS NEED TO, MANY TIMES, INCORPORATE WITH THEM, THESE
20 ARE-- YOU'RE PROBABLY GETTING A LOT OF PHONE CALLS ON THIS
21 KIND OF THING. SO I THINK WE NEED TO STOP TREATING IT AS JUST
22 THIS OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION THAT'S HANDLING THIS FOR US. YOU
23 TAKE CARE OF IT. YOU ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES. IT'S ABOUT US. AND
24 SO I GUESS THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO CONNECT MORE SO. SO,
25 YEAH, YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A MARKETING CAMPAIGN BUT HOW DOES



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1 IT INTERFACE WITH US? WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DO WE HAVE TO BRING
2 DOWN THE COSTS? TO EXPAND THE OPPORTUNITY OF CONTACTS,
3 MAILINGS? HOW DO WE REFINE A MESSAGE? THE NUMBER OF PHONE
4 CALLS THAT YOU'RE GETTING IN REGARD TO THIS? AND GRAFFITI'S A
5 PERFECT EXAMPLE. HOW DO WE ENCOURAGE THAT? HOW DO WE CONNECT
6 IT MORE EFFECTIVELY? I GUESS THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT IN
7 MARKETING. IT ISN'T JUST, YOU KNOW, GETTING A FIRM TO TELL
8 YOU, THIS IS THE FIVE THINGS YOU SHOULD DO AND THIS IS WHAT
9 WE'RE GOING TO CHARGE YOU TO DO THESE FIVE THINGS. I THINK
10 IT'S A MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO HOW WE MARKET 2-1-
11 1.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** THE ONLY THING I WAS SUGGESTING IS PERHAPS IF THEY
14 HAVE ALREADY-- YOU SAID A PLAN. SO I ASSUMED THAT WHAT YOU
15 WANTED TO SEE WAS THE PLAN. WHAT I JUST WONDER IS DO WE HAVE
16 TO WAIT UNTIL SEPTEMBER TO GET STARTED ON IT? IF THEY ALREADY
17 HAVE A PLAN, PERHAPS THEY COULD SHARE IT WITH YOU...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THEM BRINGING IT NEXT
20 WEEK IF THEY ARE READY THEN.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. BUT YOU WANT TO HAVE INPUT INTO IT, INTO THE
23 PLAN?

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT-- THE C.E.O. AND
2 THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY-- HONESTLY, AND,
3 BRYCE, HELP ME HERE, HAS IT NOT JUST BEEN TREATED AS A
4 CONTRACT? WILL YOU GUYS LET US KNOW? WE REALLY AREN'T MAKING
5 USE OF IT LIKE IT'S OUR SYSTEM. THIS IS NOT JUST A MATTER OF,
6 YOU KNOW, MARIBEL DOING A GOOD JOB IN TRYING TO MANAGE IT.
7 WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO US? HOW DO WE USE IT? HOW DO WE INTERFACE
8 WITH IT?

9

10 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR, YOUR BOARD IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.
11 I THINK-- WHAT WE REALLY-- WHAT WE'VE OFTENTIMES DONE WITH
12 CONTRACTORS IS WE SAY, THIS IS YOUR JOB, YOU GUYS GO OUT AND
13 DO IT AND THAT'S WHERE IT ENDS RIGHT THERE. AND WHAT WE HAVE
14 TO HAVE A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF IS THEY'RE HERE TO HELP THE
15 PUBLIC AND WE, AS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THE COUNTY, WE ARE
16 HERE TO SERVE THE COUNTY AS WELL. SO WE NEED THAT ONGOING
17 INTEGRATION OF THOSE SERVICES AND THE INFORMATION SO THAT WE
18 CAN IDENTIFY WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE DOING A GOOD JOB WITH THE
19 SERVICES WE PROVIDE AND THIS IS ONE WAY THAT WE CAN GET INPUT
20 BACK FROM THEM. AND THIS IS PART OF WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO
21 EVALUATE, TO MAKE THINGS BETTER. IF THEY FIND OUT, FOR
22 EXAMPLE, DOWN AT 2-1-1, THAT WE HAVE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT
23 ARE NOT BEING RESPONSIVE, FOR EXAMPLE, OR ARE NOT PROVIDING
24 THE SERVICES THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED, WE, AS COUNTY
25 GOVERNMENT, WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THAT SO THAT WE CAN ADDRESS



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1 THOSE ISSUES TO MAKE THE SYSTEM BETTER FOR CONTINUED
2 IMPROVEMENT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, AS AN EXAMPLE, BACK IN DECEMBER OF 2006
7 WHEN THIS CONTRACT WAS BEFORE US, WE TALKED AND DISCUSSED
8 ABOUT ENHANCING THE OUTREACH IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AS
9 AN EXAMPLE. AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, AS OF RIGHT NOW, THE
10 CALL VOLUME HAS ACTUALLY DECREASED IN THE UNINCORPORATED
11 AREAS. SO, IF WE WERE FOCUSING ON OUTREACH, I MEAN, YOU KNOW,
12 IT'S SORT OF A HARD THING TO EXPLAIN OR TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE
13 NUMBERS WENT DOWN. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN ANSWER FOR
14 THAT.

15

16 **MARIBEL MARIN:** I CAN RESPOND TO THAT. I THINK WHEN YOU'RE
17 LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS THAT ARE DECLINING, YOU'RE REALLY
18 REFERRING TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT LINE. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE
19 CALL VOLUME THAT'S COMING IN FROM THE UNINCORPORATED AREA ZIP
20 CODES, THEY ACTUALLY REPRESENT OVER 40 PERCENT OF OUR CALL
21 VOLUME CONSISTENTLY, MONTH AFTER MONTH. IT'S JUST THAT THE
22 UNINCORPORATED AREAS ARE CALLING FOR A NUMBER OF PURPOSES, NOT
23 JUST THE CODE ENFORCEMENT LINE BUT THEY'RE CALLING THE GENERAL
24 2-1-1 AND THEY'RE CHOOSING THE OTHER OPTIONS AS WELL. SO I
25 THINK WHAT YOU'RE REALLY LOOKING AT IS AN ISSUE ABOUT CODE



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1 ENFORCEMENT AND MARKETING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM ITSELF
2 AND, YOU KNOW...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THAT'S ONE PORTION OF IT. I MEAN, THAT'S A
5 VERY IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND MYSELF,
6 THE CODE VIOLATIONS AND CODE ENFORCEMENT, WE'RE HELPING TO
7 MARKET THAT. IN OUR NEWSLETTERS AND PUBLICATIONS, WE ARE
8 ADVOCATING 2-1-1 FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT AND CODE VIOLATION.
9 ANOTHER EXAMPLE, ONE I THOUGHT MAYBE THERE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY
10 TO INCORPORATE SAFE SURRENDER INTO THE 2-1-1 BUT IT ABSOLUTELY
11 JUST TAKES TOO MUCH TIME AND, YOU KNOW, TO TRANSFER AND, YOU
12 KNOW, TO GET THE RIGHT PERSON ON THE LINE SO WE CONTINUE TO
13 USE OUR 800 NUMBER. BUT ON CODE ENFORCEMENT AND CODE
14 VIOLATIONS, AT LEAST WE TRIED TO ENHANCE IT. I WOULD JUST
15 HOPE, WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THESE DOLLARS, THAT WHATEVER
16 MARKETING PLAN THAT WE DO DO THAT, I MEAN, I UNDERSTAND
17 REMOVING THE LANGUAGE ABOUT THE UNINCORPORATED AREA BUT, I
18 MEAN, IT'S A CRITICAL ELEMENT, THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THIS
19 COUNTY IS A CRITICAL ELEMENT TO THIS 2-1-1 BECAUSE, YOU KNOW,
20 WE ARE THEIR MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, POLICE CHIEF, FIRE CHIEF AND
21 EVERYTHING ELSE. AND, YOU KNOW, WE'RE OUT THERE ADVOCATING ON
22 BEHALF OF 2-1-1. SO HOPEFULLY WHATEVER PLAN COMES BACK--
23 BECAUSE, FOR THIS 250,000, YOU'RE ADVOCATING THAT YOU CAN
24 INCREASE THE CALL VOLUME BY SOME 40,000 CALLS. I MEAN, THAT'S--
25 - INCREASE IT BY 40,000 CALLS FOR \$250,000, THAT'S PRETTY



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1 UNIQUE BUT HOW, WHAT, WHERE AND WHY ARE THOSE 40,000 CALLS,
2 WHO ARE THEY, I THINK THAT'S PART OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S
3 MOTION A MORE DEFINITIVE ANSWER INSTEAD OF JUST LOOKING AT A
4 NUMBER, 40,000. WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO BE COMING FROM? WHAT
5 PARTICULAR AREA ARE WE GOING TO BE FOCUSING ON?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD JUST, TO CLARIFY, I DON'T
8 THINK I WAS SUGGESTING THAT IT NOT FOCUS ON UNINCORPORATED BUT
9 NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF EVERYTHING ELSE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** OH, NO, NO.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BECAUSE SOME OF MY CITIES GET
14 THEIR SERVICES FROM THE COUNTY. SOME OF THE BUILDING AND
15 SAFETY AND OTHER THINGS SO CODE ENFORCEMENT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** CONTRACT CITIES, YEAH, ABSOLUTELY.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, SO, AND THEN-- BUT I THINK
20 THE LION'S SHARE, AND I'D BE CURIOUS, I REALLY SHOULD HAVE
21 ASKED THIS BEFORE, BUT I'D BE CURIOUS WHAT THE NATURE OF THE
22 CALLS. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE ABLE TO DETERMINE WHERE THEY'RE
23 COMING FROM BUT MY BET IS THAT A HUGE CHUNK, IF NOT THE LION'S
24 SHARE OF THE CALLS COMING OUT OF MY DISTRICT ARE PROBABLY ON
25 ISSUES OF CHILD WELFARE AND WELFARE ITSELF, ISSUES RELATING,



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1 HEALTH, COUNTYWIDE SERVICES. THAT'S THE WAY WE'VE ADVERTISED
2 IT THROUGH OUR WEBSITE TO OUR CONSTITUENCY BECAUSE MOST OF MY
3 CONSTITUENCY IS IN THE CITY OF L.A. BUT I HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE
4 WHO DEPEND ON COUNTY SERVICES IN THAT PART OF THE CITY. SO,
5 ANYWAY, I THINK IT'S-- I JUST HAD ONE QUESTION I WANTED TO ASK
6 ON THE FIRST PART OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION TO DO A REVIEW
7 OF-- A SURVEY OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING NOW, ARE YOU NOT REQUIRED
8 NOW UNDER THE CONTRACT TO DO THAT?

9

10 **MARIBEL MARIN:** YES, WE ARE. AND WE DO PROVIDE DATA ON A
11 QUARTERLY BASIS REGARDING THE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO, IN RESPONSE TO SUPERVISOR
14 MOLINA'S REQUEST, IT WOULD BE FOLDED INTO THAT REQUIREMENT OF
15 YOUR CONTRACT, AS OPPOSED TO SPENDING ANOTHER CHUNK OF DOUGH
16 TO DO A SURVEY ON TOP OF THE SURVEY, I'M ASKING, IS THAT YOUR
17 INTENT? IS THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING? COULD YOU DO IT THAT WAY?

18

19 **MARIBEL MARIN:** WELL, WE CAN...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT I'M SAYING IS THE C.E.O. HAS TO DEVELOP
22 THAT. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW THAT WE'RE PAYING EXTRA FOR IT.
23 RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE GATHERING THE INFORMATION BUT THEY'RE NOT
24 EVALUATING, WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, AS TO WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT
25 PHONE CALL. THEY KNOW YOU MADE A PHONE CALL IN THE COMP



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1 CENTER. THEY JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. THEY COLLECT THAT
2 PART. THEY DON'T COLLECT THE OTHER PORTION. SO THEY NEED TO
3 DEVELOP SOMETHING AS TO HOW THEY'RE GOING TO START LOOKING AT
4 HOW WE'RE DEALING WITH IT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. TO THE EXTENT
7 THAT YOU CAN MERGE ALL OF THAT, BECAUSE THEY'RE REQUIRED TO DO
8 THAT, SOME OF THAT, AS PART OF THEIR CONTRACT.

9

10 **MARIBEL MARIN:** WELL, YEAH, WE'RE REQUIRED TO DO CUSTOMER
11 SATISFACTION RELATED TO THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE TO OUR
12 CUSTOMERS. BUT I THINK THAT WHAT'S BEING ASKED OF US IS THAT
13 WE DO FOLLOW-UP TO FIND OUT WHETHER THE SERVICES THAT THEY
14 RECEIVED AT THE OTHER END ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE AND THEN FOLLOW
15 UP WITH THE DEPARTMENTS, WHICH IS REALLY ANOTHER STEP, WHICH
16 WE DON'T DO NOW, WHICH WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK INTO HOW TO
17 INCORPORATE THAT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THAT? IS IT
20 GOING TO BE ON A KIND OF RANDOM SAMPLE BASIS? I DON'T THINK
21 YOU CAN CALL EVERY SINGLE PERSON. IT WOULD BE A HUGE EXPENSE.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE SOMETHING LIKE A SERVICE REQUEST LOG SO THAT,
24 WHEN THE REQUEST IS SUBMITTED THROUGH 2-1-1 TO A DEPARTMENT,



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1 THE DEPARTMENT WOULD PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION OF THE OUTCOME
2 AND SAY "DONE", IT COULD BE SOMETHING VERY SIMPLE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, YOU'LL REPORT BACK.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SOME ANALYSIS, AS WELL. MR. KNABE JUST
7 MENTIONED ABOUT BUILDING AND SAFETY, CODE ENFORCEMENT, THAT
8 KIND OF ISSUE. WELL, MAYBE IT'S GONE DOWN BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO
9 CALL HAVE TO WAIT FOUR AND SIX WEEKS TO GET A RESPONSE.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** EXACTLY. OR FOUR TO SIX HOURS TO
12 GET A LIVE VOICE.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S AN ANALYSIS THAT NEEDS TO BE MADE SO THAT
15 PEOPLE UNDERSTAND, "CERTAINLY, WE'D LIKE TO REFER YOU" AND
16 MAKE SURE THAT THE CALLER UNDERSTANDS THAT, NO, THEY'RE NOT
17 COMING OUT TOMORROW. WE'LL PROBABLY SCHEDULE SOMETHING AND,
18 RIGHT NOW, IT TAKES ANYWHERE FROM 4 TO 6 WEEKS FOR SOMEBODY TO
19 COME OUT. I THINK THAT'S JUST A REALITY OF CONNECTING THOSE
20 SERVICES INSTEAD OF JUST THROWING IT OUT TO THEM TO CARRY IT
21 OUT. WE JUST AREN'T RELATING THAT BACK INTO OUR OPERATION AND
22 WHAT WE DO.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN
25 OPERATION NOW, THE 2- 1-1?



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2 **MARIBEL MARIN:** SINCE 1981. WE LAUNCHED THE 2-1-1 IN 2005,
3 JULY, 2005.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT'S BEEN A COUPLE YEARS. SO
6 IT'S A GOOD TIME TO TAKE STOCK AND SEE HOW WE CAN RATCHET IT
7 UP. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION AS
8 AMENDED? [INAUDIBLE]

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVEN'T SUBMITTED A CARD, I'M
11 SORRY. WE HAVE NO CARDS ON THIS ITEM.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** I JUST WANTED TO KNOW IF SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS
14 WILLING TO HAVE THE REPORT BACK IN THE EARLIER IN TERMS OF
15 THE...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S DO IT IN TWO WEEKS. FIRST
18 MEETING OF AUGUST.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THEY SHOULD DISTRIBUTE THE PLAN TO ALL OF US.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** IMMEDIATELY.

23



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, SO IF WE HAVE THE PLAN, THEN YOU CAN RESPOND
2 BACK IN TWO WEEKS. BUT, IF THEY HAVE THE PLAN, THEY SHOULD
3 GIVE IT TO US NOW.

4

5 **MARIBEL MARIN:** OKAY.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. OKAY. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS; WITHOUT OBJECTION,
9 UNANIMOUS VOTE. THAT WAS ITEM 36-- 37?

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WAS A CONTINUED ITEM BY THE C.E.O.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT WASN'T THE LIBRARY TAX?

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO. ITEM 37 IS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
16 SERVICES.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 37?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 37.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT GOES FROM 36 TO 38.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 37 IS NOT ON. 37 WAS CONTINUED.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DID I SAY 37? I'M SORRY. 38.

2

3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 38.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BAD DAY.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT'S THE LIBRARY TAX.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, 38 IS BEFORE US. IS THERE ANY
10 DISCUSSION?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE-- LAST YEAR, THE BOARD
17 MADE THE DECISION NOT TO INCREASE THE SPECIAL TAX 2 PERCENT
18 BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, OUR COUNTY PROPERTY TAX WAS UP AND THE
19 BOARD ALLOCATED SOME PROP 62 FUNDS FOR LIBRARY SERVICES AT THE
20 COUNTY LIBRARIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AGAIN THIS YEAR,
21 OUR PROPERTY TAXES ARE UP BY, I AM TOLD, '07/'08 OVER '06/'07
22 ABOUT 6.4 MILLION. THE TOTAL REVENUE FOR THE LIBRARY IS ALMOST
23 5.3 MILLION HIGHER IN '07/'08 THAN IT WAS IN '06/'07. AND,
24 AGAIN, I GUESS, YOU KNOW, I LOOK AT THE RECOMMENDATION BEFORE
25 US, WHETHER IT WAS GIVEN A CHART, 0 PERCENT, 2 PERCENT, 4



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1 PERCENT, AND, EVEN AT 4 PERCENT, THE LIBRARY HAD THE AUDACITY
2 TO SAY THAT THEY'RE GOING TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BOOKS THAT
3 THEY'RE GOING TO PURCHASE. YOUR REVENUES WERE UP LAST YEAR.
4 YOUR REVENUES WERE UP THIS YEAR. YOU'RE ASKING FOR A 4 PERCENT
5 INCREASE THIS YEAR. AND, EVEN WITH 4 PERCENT, YOU'RE
6 RECOMMENDING YOU'RE GOING TO CUT THE BOOK PURCHASING PLAN. I
7 MEAN-- AND YOU'RE GOING TO CUT IT WHETHER IT'S 0, 2 OR 4. SO,
8 YOU KNOW, THAT'S MY PROBLEM WITH THIS, AGAIN, WITH THIS
9 INCREASE. IT'S NOT THAT I WOULDN'T SUPPORT SOMETHING, MAYBE
10 THE 2 PERCENT THIS YEAR BUT, I MEAN, IF YOU SUPPORT 4 PERCENT
11 JUST TO TRY TO CATCH UP, WHEN WE HAD A VERY GOOD REASON AND I
12 UNDERSTAND THE C.A.O., C.E.O., IT'S THEIR RECOMMENDATION BUT
13 IT'S REALLY A BOARD POLICY DECISION OF HOW THESE FUNDS ARE
14 ALLOCATED. SO I HAVE A REAL CONCERN FOR THIS. I MEAN, THERE'S
15 NO WAY I'M GOING TO SUPPORT 4 PERCENT AND CUT A BOOK BUDGET.
16 WHY WOULD WE DO THAT?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE GET A RESPONSE?

19

20 **LARI SHEEHAN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MR. KNABE...

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LARI, WHO IS THE PERSON NEXT TO
23 YOU?

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1 **LARI SHEEHAN:** THIS IS TERRI MCGUIRE AND SHE'S CHIEF DEPUTY FOR
2 THE PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPARTMENT. AND I'M LARI SHEEHAN WITH THE
3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. AS YOU'RE AWARE, THIS REGARDS A
4 SPECIAL TAX WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN 1997. IT
5 INCLUDES 11 CITIES THAT HAVE 15 LIBRARIES IN THEM AND THEN 29
6 UNINCORPORATED AREA LIBRARIES. SO IT'S THE ENTIRE
7 UNINCORPORATED AREA AND 11 CITIES AND THEY VOTED TO APPROVE A
8 SPECIAL TAX TO AUGMENT LIBRARY SERVICES WITHIN THOSE LIBRARIES
9 AND THOSE JURISDICTIONS. SO THE QUESTION IS ONE OF THE GENERAL
10 FUND CONTRIBUTION THAT THE BOARD IS MAKING TO THE LIBRARY HAS-
11 - IS EXPECTED TO BE USED LIBRARY SYSTEM WIDE. AND THE LIBRARY
12 SYSTEM INCLUDES 51 CITIES, AS WELL AS THE UNINCORPORATED, 84
13 LIBRARIES. SO THE SPECIAL TAX WAS FOR A LIMITED SET OF THE
14 ENTIRE LIBRARY SYSTEM AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE BEFORE YOU TODAY
15 RECOMMENDING THAT THE AUGMENTED SERVICES PAID BY THAT SPECIAL
16 TAX HAVE-- THE COST OF THOSE HAS EXCEEDED THE INCREASES IN THE
17 SPECIAL TAX. AND YOU'RE CORRECT, LAST YEAR YOUR BOARD VOTED
18 NOT TO INCREASE THE TAX AND WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOU
19 INCREASE IT THIS YEAR BECAUSE THE AUGMENTED SERVICES AND THE
20 COST OF THOSE SERVICES HAS FALLEN BEHIND BUT THE TAX IS-- THE
21 SPECIAL AUGMENTED TAX IS PRODUCING. NOW, YOU ARE PROVIDING
22 GENERAL FUND SUPPORT TO THE LIBRARY. THE LIBRARY ALSO GETS A
23 SHARE OF THE 1 PERCENT LOCAL PROPERTY TAX. BUT, AGAIN, IN AN
24 EQUITABLE STANDPOINT, THOSE ARE DOLLARS. AGAIN, IT'S A POLICY
25 DECISION FOR YOUR BOARD. BUT THOSE ARE DOLLARS WHICH SHOULD BE



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1 USED THROUGHOUT THE LIBRARY SYSTEM AS OPPOSED TO JUST IN THE
2 AUGMENTED WHERE WE AUGMENTED SERVICES BASED ON THE SPECIAL
3 TAX.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT, I MEAN, WE ALSO MADE THE PROMISE, WHEN WE
6 VOTED THE SPECIAL TAX, THAT THOSE AREAS THAT WERE SUPPORTING
7 IT WOULD GET COMPLETE SERVICES, IS THAT NOT CORRECT? I MEAN
8 WHY WOULD YOU-- YOU'RE TELLING US TO GO BACK TO THE AREAS THAT
9 VOTER APPROVED AND SAY WE'RE STILL GOING TO REDUCE YOUR BOOK
10 BUDGET BUT WE'RE GOING TO RAISE 4 PERCENT?

11

12 **LARI SHEEHAN:** THAT'S CORRECT. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE
13 SAYING. THE ONLY OTHER OPTION IS TO TAKE THE DOLLARS THAT
14 WOULD BE USED SYSTEM WIDE, WHICH WOULD OFFSET SOME OF THAT,
15 AND PUT IT INTO THOSE LIBRARIES THAT HAVE TO HAVE THE SPECIAL
16 TAX.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** THERE IS NO WAY I WILL SUPPORT 4 PERCENT. I MEAN,
19 IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO GO 2 PERCENT, THEN I
20 MIGHT BE WILLING TO CONSIDER THAT BUT I'M NOT...

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT WOULD BE THE IMPACT OF THE 2 PERCENT? WHERE
23 WOULD WE BE IF WE REDUCED DOWN THAT FAR?

24



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1 **LARI SHEEHAN:** THE 2 PERCENT WOULD TAKE US-- THE 2 PERCENT, I'M
2 SORRY, I NEED TO PULL OUT A CHART HERE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S WORTH ABOUT 230,000-- IT'S ONLY WORTH ABOUT
5 230,000, 2 PERCENT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ISN'T PART OF THE PROBLEM OR PART
8 OF THE REASON FOR THIS SITUATION THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE
9 MENTIONS IS THAT, FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, WE HEAVILY
10 INVESTED GENERAL FUND MONEY FOR SOME OF THESE PURPOSES?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YOU KNOW, THAT IS THE BOTTOM LINE WHERE YOUR COSTS
13 AND THEN PRIOR INCREASES HAVE NOT KEPT PACE WITH THE COST TO
14 PROVIDE THIS SERVICE IN THESE AREAS. SO, AS A CONSEQUENCE, TO
15 MAINTAIN A SIMILAR LEVEL OF SERVICE IN THESE AREAS, AS YOU
16 HAVE THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE COUNTY, THERE WILL BE A
17 GENERAL FUND SUBSIDY. I UNDERSTAND...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** WOULD THERE BE A GENERAL FUND SUBSIDY AT 4
20 PERCENT?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** ABSOLUTELY. BUT...

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I MEANT AT 4 PERCENT. THAT'S WHAT
25 I WAS REFERRING TO, YEAH.



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2 **SPEAKER:** IT WOULD BE LESS OF A SUBSIDY. OH, ABSOLUTELY.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** 460,000 LAST YEAR.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** WHAT'S IMPORTANT-- THIS IS SIMILAR TO WHAT HAPPENED
9 WITH THE RESTAURANT INSPECTION FEE, WHERE, AS A BASIC POLICY,
10 THE FEE SHOULD SUPPORT THAT SERVICE. THIS IS A DIFFICULT
11 DECISION BECAUSE I WOULD NEVER ADVOCATE PROVIDING A LOWER
12 LEVEL OF SERVICE IN ONE AREA THAN WE WOULD THROUGHOUT OTHER
13 PARTS OF THE COUNTY. THERE'S A BASIC FAIRNESS ISSUE THERE. BUT
14 WHAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU IS A 4% INCREASE THAT ABSOLUTELY WILL
15 STILL RESULT IN SOME DEGREE OF SUBSIDY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF OUR RAISING
18 THE LIBRARY TAX? WE HAVEN'T RAISED THE LIBRARY TAX EVERY YEAR,
19 EVEN THOUGH WE'RE ENTITLED TO, IS THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **LARI SHEEHAN:** THAT IS CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** LAST YEAR WAS THE FIRST YEAR WE DIDN'T RAISE IT.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M NOT SURE THAT'S CORRECT BUT I
2 MAY BE WRONG.

3

4 **LARI SHEEHAN:** YOU'VE RAISED IT, I BELIEVE, EVERY YEAR...

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** EXCEPT LAST YEAR.

7

8 **LARI SHEEHAN:** EXCEPT FOR LAST YEAR. 2000/2001 FISCAL YEAR,
9 2002, '03 AND 2006/'07, YOU DID NOT INCREASE IT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY? THREE YEARS WE DID NOT
12 RAISE IT?

13

14 **LARI SHEEHAN:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. AND WE'VE HAD IT SINCE '98.

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18 **LARI SHEEHAN:** '97.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S WHY WE'RE SO FAR BEHIND.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, EXACTLY. SO, LIKE, 30
23 PERCENT OF THE OPPORTUNITIES WE'VE HAD, WE'VE NOT AVAILED
24 OURSELVES AND THAT'S-- AND WE'VE TAKEN CARE OF THAT THROUGH
25 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS.



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SUP. BURKE: I'LL TELL YOU WHAT REALLY BOTHERS ME IS THAT THOSE
CITIES THAT VOTED, I DON'T WANT TO SEE THEM LOSE THE SERVICES
WHILE WE GIVE CITIES THAT DIDN'T VOTE, THAT WE GIVE THEM SOME
BOOKS. AND I KNOW THAT WE WANT TO CERTAINLY MAKE AVAILABLE AS
TO AS MANY CITIES AS POSSIBLE MINIMUM SERVICES IN OUR
LIBRARIES. BUT THE PART THAT HAS BOTHERED ME IS THAT THERE
WERE SOME CITIES WHO CAME FORWARD AND SAID, "OKAY, I'M GOING
TO VOTE FOR THIS" AND THEY ARE BEING TAXED. AND WE TAX THEM
AND THEN THOSE WHO DIDN'T VOTE, THEY GET SOME BENEFITS. NOT A
LOT BUT THEY DO GET SOME BENEFITS. BUT WHAT I'M REALLY
INTERESTED IN IS WHAT THE IMPACT WOULD BE IF YOU CAME-- IF YOU
DIDN'T GET THE FULL 4 PERCENT.

14

LARI SHEEHAN: I BELIEVE WE'VE PROVIDED SEVERAL CHARTS ON THAT.
BUT IF IT'S-- I NEED TO DIG OUT...

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SUP. BURKE: IT'S 240,000.

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SUP. KNABE: EVERY 2 PERCENT IS 230 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. 4
PERCENT WOULD BE 460,000.

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SUP. BURKE: WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THAT 240? WHAT DO YOU SEE AS
WHAT YOU'LL REDUCE?

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1 **LARI SHEEHAN:** IF WE HAVE 2 PERCENT, WE'RE GOING TO BE DOWN--
2 TERRI, CAN YOU-- I BELIEVE WE'RE DOWN VOLUMES, 22,000 VOLUMES
3 IF IT'S 4 PERCENT. AND WE WOULD BE DOWN ANOTHER 11 ON TOP OF
4 THAT. SO WE WOULD BE DOWN ABOUT-- IF IT WAS JUST 2 PERCENT, WE
5 WOULD BE DOWN AROUND ABOUT 34,000 VOLUMES IN THESE LIBRARIES,
6 THESE 29 UNINCORPORATED AREA LIBRARIES AND 15 CITY LIBRARIES.
7 IT'S VOLUMES. WE HAVE NOT CUT INTO THE HOURS AT THIS TIME.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S THE VOLUMES YOU WOULD BE PROVIDING.

10

11 **LARI SHEEHAN:** THROUGH THIS SPECIAL TAX. NOW, AS SUPERVISOR
12 KNABE HAS INDICATED, YOU ARE PUTTING GENERAL FUND INTO THE
13 LIBRARY, A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND INTO THE
14 LIBRARY. THAT SHOULD BE SPREAD SYSTEM WIDE SO SOME OF THIS
15 WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF WITH THAT BECAUSE THEY WILL BE GETTING
16 VOLUMES BUT THE DECREASE IN THE VOLUMES WOULD BE ABOUT...

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** IS THERE A REQUEST FOR GENERAL FUND THAT WOULD
19 MAKE UP FOR THAT 240? COULD WE DO THAT?

20

21 **LARI SHEEHAN:** AGAIN, IT'S A QUESTION OF EQUITY FROM MY
22 PERSPECTIVE. I MEAN, THE PEOPLE IN THIS AREA VOTED TO HAVE AN
23 AUGMENTED SERVICE AND THEY VOTED TO TAX THEMSELVES. WE HAVE A
24 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENTIRE LIBRARY SYSTEM. THAT'S WHAT THE
25 PART OF THE 1 PERCENT GOES FOR. AND YOUR BOARD, AS A POLICY



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1 DECISION, HOW YOU USE THE GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION TO THE
2 LIBRARY. BUT, AGAIN, THE GENERAL FUND IS A FUND THAT ALL THE
3 TAXPAYERS OF THE LIBRARY SYSTEM AND THE COUNTY, FOR THAT
4 MATTER, CONTRIBUTE TO. SO IT'S AN EQUITY ISSUE. IT'S
5 DEFINITELY A POLICY ISSUE.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU KNOW, I'M WILLING TO VOTE FOR THE 4 PERCENT
8 BUT I'D REALLY LIKE TO SEE SOME MECHANISM OF WHERE WE STOP
9 ADDING MORE MONEY AND MORE ASSESSMENTS TO THEM. SOME OF MY
10 CITIES CAME FORWARD AND VOTED BUT SOME OF THEM DID NOT VOTE
11 FOR IT. THEY VOTED IT DOWN. AND I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE
12 SOME...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THEY GET THE SAME HOURS, YOU KNOW, AS THOSE
15 THAT VOTED. I MEAN, IF YOU TALK ABOUT AN ISSUE OF EQUITY.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S NOT EQUITY. WELL, THEY GET THE SAME HOURS BUT
18 THE THING IS, THEY DON'T GET THE SAME HOURS BUT THEY GET A LOT
19 OF THE BOOKS, THAT'S IT.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THERE IS A BASIC BOOK BUDGET THAT IS ALLOCATED OUT TO
22 ALL 84 LIBRARIES TO BEGIN WITH. THE SPECIAL TAX BOOK MATERIALS
23 MONEY GOES ON TOP OF THAT BASIC ALLOCATION. THE HOURS IN THE
24 NONSPECIAL TAX LIBRARIES ARE NOT NECESSARILY AS GENEROUS AS
25 THE HOURS IN THE SPECIAL TAX LIBRARIES.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** SO ACTUALLY IT GOES TO THE HOURS AND ADDITIONAL
3 BOOKS. SO IT IS NOT TRUE THAT SOME OF THIS GOES TO-- SOME OF
4 THE SPECIAL TAX GOES TO OTHER LIBRARIES?

5

6 **LARI SHEEHAN:** WELL, THERE ARE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THERE ARE
7 13 CITY LIBRARIES WHERE THE UNINCORPORATED AREA THAT'S PAYING
8 THE TAX, AND I DON'T WANT TO CONFUSE THIS, THAT ARE PAYING THE
9 AUGMENTED TAX USE THOSE LIBRARIES. THEY DO GET SOME BOOK
10 BUDGET IN THOSE 13 LIBRARIES. AND I WOULD JUST ALSO LIKE TO
11 COMMENT THAT THE PUBLIC LIBRARIAN AND I HAVE DISCUSSED THE
12 FACT THAT WE NEED TO SIT DOWN AND COME UP WITH A GOOD
13 STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AS A WHOLE
14 BECAUSE THERE'S VARIOUS SOURCES OF FUNDING, GENERAL FUND,
15 THEIR OWN 1%, PROP 62, WHICH IS JUST UNINCORPORATED PLUS A
16 SPECIAL TAX. WE NEED TO GET A GOOD PLAN...

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** I UNDERSTAND NOW HOW IT WORKS. SINCE IT'S
19 UNINCORPORATED AND THEY ARE PAYING THE TAX, THERE ARE SOME
20 CITIES THAT USE THOSE UNINCORPORATED LIBRARIES AND THEY HAVE
21 THE BENEFIT OF IT, IS THAT WHAT HAPPENS?

22

23 **LARI SHEEHAN:** THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, THEIR PRIMARY
24 LIBRARY IS IN ONE OF OUR CITIES.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** SOME OF THE SOUTH WHITTIER FOLKS IN THE
2 UNINCORPORATED AREA GO INTO CITIES LIKE LA MIRADA AND OTHERS
3 TO USE THAT LIBRARY. IT'S A COUNTY LIBRARY BUT IT PHYSICALLY
4 RESIDES IN A INCORPORATED CITY.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** MAYBE THEY NEED TO DO LIKE SANTA MONICA DOES IN
7 ORDER TO GO TO THE DOG PARK. IF YOU DON'T LIVE IN THE-- YOU
8 HAVE TO PAY SOMETHING TO USE IT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I JUST HAVE A HARD TIME WITH 4 PERCENT AND
11 STILL CUTTING THE BOOK BUDGET. I MEAN, THE WHOLE ISSUE, I
12 MEAN, I DON'T THINK THE CONSTITUENT UNDERSTANDS IT'S BOOK
13 BUDGETS VERSUS-- AS LONG AS YOU DON'T REDUCE HOURS. BUT I
14 THINK WHAT THEY WILL UNDERSTAND IS WHEN THEY GET THEIR TAX
15 BILL AND THE WHOLE ISSUE IN ORANGE COUNTY BLEW UP BECAUSE OVER
16 RECAPTURE. THIS LOOKS LIKE A RECAPTURE ISSUE. I THINK YOU'RE
17 GOING TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THAT WITH THE TAXPAYERS AND I AM
18 NOT GOING TO SUPPORT 4 PERCENT. IF YOU MOVE FORWARD, FINE,
19 JUST RECORD ME AS A NO VOTE.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I DO THINK THE ANSWER TO YOUR
22 QUESTION EARLIER IS THAT WE CAN DEAL WITH SOME OF THAT.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF WE DO.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK IF YOU, LARI, AND THE
2 PUBLIC LIBRARIAN CAN GET TOGETHER BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER,
3 THAT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA.

4

5 **LARI SHEEHAN:** WE'LL DO THAT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** SO YOU'RE CONTINUING THIS ITEM TO SEPTEMBER?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO. I'M ASSUMING WE HAVE THREE
10 VOTES TO APPROVE IT, I'M PREPARED TO APPROVE THE 4 PERCENT BUT
11 I DO WANT TO GET A REPORT BACK FROM THEM ON THE EQUITY ISSUE
12 THAT YOU AND SUPERVISOR BURKE RAISED.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** MY PEOPLE CAN'T AFFORD \$27. A LOT OF PEOPLE IN MY
15 DISTRICT. FOR THESE SENIORS, THAT'S...

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** PEOPLE AREN'T GOING TO LIKE THE 4 PERCENT, EITHER,
18 AND THE RECAPTURE ISSUE. SUPERVISOR BURKE MOVES. I WILL
19 SECOND. CALL THE ROLL.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AYE. ALL RIGHT. THAT'S APPROVED.

11 THAT WAS ITEM 38.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 39.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 39, I WAS INFORMED THAT THIS IS NO
18 LONGER A DISCUSSION ITEM; THEREFORE, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOUR
19 BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOW DID THIS CEASE TO BE A
22 DISCUSSION ITEM? WHAT HAPPENED?

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I WAS INFORMED...

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION ON
2 THIS ITEM? IF NOT, MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS, WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. ITEM 40?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS ONE THAT I HELD.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. MOLINA.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, THIS IS-- THIS IS AN ISSUE ON A BOARD
10 SETTLEMENT ON A CLAIM THAT WAS FILED FOR A BROKEN SIDEWALK AND
11 IT COST US QUITE A CHUNK OF CHANGE AND UNFORTUNATELY CREATED
12 QUITE A BIT OF INJURY TO THE PLAINTIFF WHO SUED US BUT MY
13 CONCERN IS ON THE CORRECTIVE ACTION AND SO I'M GOING AHEAD AND
14 APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT FOR THE \$240,000 TO MR. GREGORY
15 GOCKE. AND I ALSO WANT TO AMEND THE CORRECTIVE ACTION TO
16 PROVIDE FOR A QUARTERLY EVALUATION OF ALL COUNTY-OWNED
17 FACILITIES FOR LOSS PREVENTION AND SAFETY. THERE SHOULD BE
18 SOME KIND OF MECHANISM THAT WE DO THIS OURSELVES. WE CAN'T
19 AFFORD TO BE PAYING THIS KIND OF MONEY AND THIS IS A SMALL ONE
20 BUT, BY COMPARISON. SO THERE SHOULD BE A MECHANISM SO THAT
21 DEPARTMENTS THEMSELVES DO THEIR OWN EVALUATION OF OUR COUNTY
22 BUILDINGS. THAT'S THE ONLY AMENDMENT I WOULD HAVE TO THAT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SECONDED BY MR. KNABE. WITHOUT
2 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON BOTH THE SETTLEMENT AND THE
3 AMENDED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN. ITEM 41-A. DR. CHERNOF?

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE IS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON THIS ONE?

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, LET'S HEAR FROM THEM.
12 WELL, LET'S HEAR FROM DR. CHERNOF FIRST. I PUT THIS MOTION ON
13 THE AGENDA. IT AROSE OUT OF A LETTER I RECEIVED AND I THINK
14 ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS RECEIVED ALSO FROM THE LOS ANGELES TIMES
15 INDICATING THAT, FOR A SECOND TIME, ONE OF THEIR REPORTERS WAS
16 NOT PERMITTED TO INTERVIEW PEOPLE IN THE "PUBLIC AREAS" OF THE
17 HOSPITAL AT KING HARBOR HOSPITAL. AND, IN THE LAST CASE, IF MY
18 MEMORY SERVES ME CORRECTLY, I DON'T HAVE THE LETTER IN FRONT
19 OF ME, THE REPORTER WAS ESCORTED OUT AT THE INSTRUCTION OF THE
20 HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR. SO I WANTED TO HEAR FROM THE
21 DEPARTMENT AND, SINCE YOU'RE THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT,
22 THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME, TO HEAR FROM YOU WHAT IS OUR
23 POLICY? IS OUR POLICY CONSISTENT IN ALL OF THE OTHER
24 HOSPITALS? BECAUSE THAT'S ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT HAS BEEN
25 RAISED THAT WE TREAT PEOPLE, REPORTERS DIFFERENTLY THERE THAN



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1 WE DO EVERYWHERE ELSE. WHAT IS THE REASON WE-- IF WE DO KEEP
2 THEM OUT OF THE WAITING ROOM AREA, FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT IS THE
3 REASON, LEGAL AND OTHERWISE, ARE WE LEGALLY ENTITLED TO DO
4 THAT? AND WHY WOULDN'T A REPORTER BE ENTITLED TO INTERVIEW
5 PEOPLE IF THE PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED IN A PUBLIC
6 AREA OF THE HOSPITAL? THOSE ARE ESSENTIALLY THE QUESTIONS AND
7 ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO ADD, DR. CHERNOF.

8

9 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** GREAT. JUST A COUPLE OF COMMENTS WITH
10 RESPECT TO SOME OF THE LEGAL QUESTIONS, CHAIR. I'LL DEFER SOME
11 OF THOSE QUESTIONS TO COUNSEL BECAUSE THEY'VE HELPED US LOOK
12 AT THIS. LET ME JUST SAY, YOU KNOW, THAT THE DEPARTMENT
13 BELIEVES THAT HOSPITALS ARE FIRST AND FOREMOST A PLACE WHERE
14 PATIENTS RECEIVE CARE. IT'S WHERE THE SICK AND DYING COME TO
15 RECEIVE SERVICES. AND J.C.A.H.O., AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF OTHER
16 ACCREDITING AND REGULATORY BODIES, EXPECT US TO RESPECT
17 PATIENT PRIVACY FIRST AND FOREMOST AND TO MAKE SURE THAT CARE
18 IS DELIVERED IN AN UNFETTERED WAY. OUR PRIMARY CONCERNS REALLY
19 ARE FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF OUR PATIENTS AND THEIR
20 PRIVACY CONCERNS. WE HAVE PATIENTS WHO OFTEN COME FOR SERVICES
21 WITH SENSITIVE CONDITIONS THAT THEIR FAMILIES MAY NOT KNOW
22 ABOUT, THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT, THAT THEY
23 MAY NOT WANT MADE PUBLIC AND WE TREAT THE HOSPITALS AS AREAS
24 WHERE PRIVACY COMES FIRST. OUR POLICIES ARE MATERIALLY THE
25 SAME ACROSS ALL THE HOSPITALS. THEY ARE NOT EXACTLY THE SAME



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1 BECAUSE IT DEPENDS A LITTLE BIT ON HOW PUBLIC INFORMATION IS
2 HANDLED IN EACH OF THE HOSPITALS BUT THEY'RE ALL COMPLETELY
3 CONSISTENT WITH J.C.A.H.O. AND OTHER EXPECTATIONS AROUND
4 PRIVACY. THIS HAS BEEN AN AREA OF MAJOR FOCUS IN OUR
5 HOSPITALS, BOTH FROM A REGULATORY PERSPECTIVE AS WELL AS
6 J.C.A.H.O. THAT WE PROTECT PATIENT PRIVACY BOTH FOR FILMING,
7 FOR PHOTOGRAPHY AND INTERVIEWING PURPOSES. OUR POLICIES ALL
8 REQUIRE THAT PHYSICIANS ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THE PATIENT'S
9 CARE WILL NOT BE JEOPARDIZED, THAT PATIENTS UNDERSTAND THE
10 PURPOSE OF THE INTERVIEW AND WHAT THEIR RIGHTS ARE AND,
11 FINALLY, WE ASK THAT PATIENTS SIGN A CONSENT. OUR POLICIES
12 MIRROR OF THOSE PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
13 AREA. THEY ARE NOT MATERIALLY DIFFERENT. I'LL DEFER TO
14 COUNSEL, THEY MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT OPINION BUT THAT'S MY
15 PERSPECTIVE AS A PHYSICIAN. OUR POLICIES ARE NOT MEANT TO BAR
16 ANYBODY FROM GETTING APPROPRIATE INFORMATION IN OUR
17 FACILITIES. THEY ARE MEANT TO SET APPROPRIATE PARAMETERS FOR
18 GETTING THAT INFORMATION SO THAT PATIENT'S PRIVACY IS
19 PROTECTED, AND FRANKLY SO THAT OUR STAFF CAN DELIVER CARE IN
20 AN APPROPRIATE AND UNFETTERED WAY. WHEN OUR EMPLOYEES ARE ON
21 COUNTY TIME, THEY NEED TO BE TAKING CARE OF PATIENTS AND THEY
22 SHOULDN'T BE INTERFERED WITH IN THAT WORK. FINALLY, WE DO
23 TREAT EVERYBODY EQUALLY. WE HAVE POLICIES, LIKE I SAID, THAT
24 ARE MATERIALLY CONSISTENT ACROSS ALL THE HOSPITALS. WE STRIVE



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1 TO APPLY THOSE POLICIES IN AN EQUITABLE AND FAIR FASHION. I'LL
2 DEFER TO COUNSEL TO SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME ASK YOU BEFORE WE GET TO
5 COUNSEL, WERE THE REPORTERS IN QUESTION IN THE WAITING ROOM
6 AREA OF THE EMERGENCY ROOM OR OF THE HOSPITAL?

7

8 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I CAN'T TELL YOU THE EXACT LOCATION. I HAVE
9 GONE BACK TO ASK. IN ONE CIRCUMSTANCE, I BELIEVE THAT THE
10 REPORTER WAS IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM TRIAGE WAITING ROOM AREA
11 WHICH WE DO VIEW AS A PRIVATE PLACE. PATIENTS ARE COMING IN
12 FOR SERVICES. THEY ARE WAITING TO BE SEEN WITH THEIR FAMILIES.
13 THAT INDIVIDUAL DID NOT HAVE PRESS CREDENTIALS, DID NOT FOLLOW
14 OUR PRESS POLICY. THE OTHER CIRCUMSTANCE, THE...

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOW DO YOU KNOW IT WAS A REPORTER
17 OR TIMES REPORTER?

18

19 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** BECAUSE THE NURSING STAFF OBSERVED THE
20 INDIVIDUAL DOING WHAT APPEARED TO BE INTERVIEWING OF PATIENTS.
21 AND THE NURSE ASKED O.P.S., OUR SECURITY FOLKS, TO STEP IN.
22 THE INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A REPORTER BUT DID NOT
23 PRODUCE CREDENTIALS. IN THE OTHER INSTANCE, A REPORTER WAS
24 FOUND WANDERING IN THE FACILITY. I CAN'T TELL YOU THE EXACT
25 LOCATION IN THE FACILITY. BUT IT WAS NOTED BY SEVERAL STAFF



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1 MEMBERS WHO CALLED ADMINISTRATION, WHICH IS ACTUALLY OUR
2 HOSPITAL POLICY. THAT, IF YOU FIND SOMEBODY WANDERING IN THE
3 FACILITIES WITHOUT APPROPRIATE PRESS CREDENTIALS OR WITHOUT
4 BEING CLEARED AND FOLLOWING THE HOSPITAL POLICY, TO LET
5 ADMINISTRATION KNOW. THAT REPORTER WAS BROUGHT TO
6 ADMINISTRATION, SPOKE WITH THE C.E.O. OF THE FACILITY, WHO
7 ASKED THAT THE HOSPITAL'S MEDIA POLICY BE FOLLOWED AND, SINCE
8 IT HADN'T BEEN APPROPRIATELY CLEARED, THAT REPORTER WAS ASKED
9 TO LEAVE THE FACILITY AT THAT POINT AND SET UP AN APPROPRIATE
10 TIME, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE PROCESS, TO TALK WITH FOLKS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

13

14 **LEELA KAPUR:** CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, WE HAVE REVIEWED THE POLICY
15 WITH D.H.S. I WOULD START BY SAYING THAT WE BELIEVE IT'S
16 LEGALLY DEFENSIBLE. WE HAVE LOOKED AT POLICIES FROM PRIVATE
17 HOSPITALS IN THE OTHER COUNTY FACILITIES. WE HAVE ALSO LOOKED
18 AT THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION'S GUIDELINES, AS WELL AS
19 THE CALIFORNIA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION'S GUIDELINES. THEY ALL
20 SUGGEST OR RECOMMEND THAT FACILITIES HAVE MEDIA ACCESS
21 POLICIES. THE PREMISE BEHIND IT IS, AS DR. CHERNOF SAID, A
22 PATIENT RIGHTS, PRIVACY RIGHTS ISSUE. UNDER BOTH FEDERAL AND
23 STATE LAWS AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE HOSPITALS HAVE AN OBLIGATION
24 TO MAINTAIN THE PRIVACY RIGHTS OF THEIR PATIENTS. AND ALL OF
25 THE GUIDELINES AND H.I.P.A.A. SPECIFICALLY, FOR INSTANCE,



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1 REQUIRES THAT, BEFORE A PATIENT IS INTERVIEWED OR VIDEOTAPED
2 OR PHOTOGRAPHED, THAT WE OBTAIN A CONSENT FROM HIM OR HER. THE
3 GUIDELINES RECOMMEND THAT YOU SET PARAMETERS SO THAT YOU CAN
4 ASSURE THAT THAT IS OCCURRING, THAT YOU CAN ASSURE THAT THE
5 PATIENT'S HEALTH IS NOT PLACED IN ANY JEOPARDY, THAT HOSPITAL
6 OPERATIONS ARE NOT DISTURBED AND THAT YOU CAN MAKE SURE THE
7 PATIENTS ARE AWARE OF WHAT THEIR RIGHTS ARE SO, IF THEY DON'T
8 WANT TO CONSENT, THEY RECOGNIZE THEY DON'T HAVE THE OPTION.
9 SO, BASED UPON ALL THAT, WE BELIEVE IT IS REASONABLE. AND,
10 APPARENTLY, ALL OF THE REGULATORY AGENCIES AGREE IT IS
11 REASONABLE TO HAVE A POLICY IN PLACE. I WOULD REITERATE WHAT
12 DR. CHERNOF SAID IS THAT OUR POLICIES DO NOT PRECLUDE THE
13 PRESS FROM BEING ON PREMISE. IT REQUIRES-- THEY REQUIRE THAT
14 THEY RECEIVE ADVANCE CLEARANCE AND THAT THEY BE ESCORTED
15 THROUGH THE PREMISE IF THEY ARE GOING TO BE INTERVIEWING OR
16 PHOTOGRAPHING OR OTHERWISE TOURING THE FACILITY.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO WE HAVE A WRITTEN POLICY?

19

20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** YES. IN ALL FACILITIES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IN ALL THE FACILITIES? AND THEY'RE
23 ALL THE SAME?

24



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1 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THEY ARE NOT EXACTLY THE SAME, SUPERVISOR.
2 THEY ARE MATERIALLY SIMILAR BECAUSE THEY ARE DRIVEN BY
3 J.C.A.H.O. AND H.I.P.A.A. REGULATIONS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WERE THE TWO NEWSPAPER REPORTERS
6 MADE AWARE OF THE POLICY AT THE TIME THEY WERE-- THE ONES THAT
7 ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT IN THE LETTERS TO US-- IN THE LETTER TO
8 US?

9

10 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR, I CAN'T TELL YOU FOR
11 SURE WHETHER THEY RECEIVED FORMAL BRIEFINGS OR NOT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, YOU HAD TWO SEPARATE
14 INCIDENTS.

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16 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I BELIEVE ONE OF THEM WAS. OUR POLICY...

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT YOU HAD TWO SEPARATE
19 INCIDENTS. OKAY, ONE WAS IN MARCH, I BELIEVE, IF MY MEMORY
20 SERVES ME CORRECTLY. AFTER THAT INCIDENT, DID ANYBODY FROM
21 YOUR SHOP INFORM THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, "HEY, WE HAVE A
22 POLICY. YOU GOT TO CALL US AHEAD OF TIME. WE'LL ESCORT YOU
23 THROUGH BUT YOU CAN'T JUST WALK IN, BARGE IN ON A BUNCH
24 PATIENTS WHO ARE WAITING FOR TREATMENT"? DID YOU EVER TELL
25 THEM THAT WE HAD A WRITTEN POLICY?



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2 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, THE POLICY WAS-- THE FIRST
3 REPORTER DID HAVE THE POLICY EXPLAINED TO THEM. SO THAT DID
4 OCCUR. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE DID A FORMAL TRAINING OF OTHER
5 L.A. TIMES REPORTERS AS A RESULT OF THAT INCIDENT. AGAIN, OUR
6 POLICIES ARE NOT DISSIMILAR FROM ALL OTHER HOSPITALS IN
7 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SO I DON'T KNOW THAT WE SAW A NEED TO DO
8 THAT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOW ABOUT OTHER PUBLIC HOSPITALS
11 IN THE STATE? ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH ANY OTHER PUBLIC HOSPITAL?
12 SAN BERNARDINO? RIVERSIDE?

13

14 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** AGAIN, SINCE WE'RE ALL GOVERNED BY THE SAME
15 J.C.A.H.O. PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS H.I.P.A.A.
16 REQUIREMENTS, THEY'RE GOING TO BE MATERIALLY SIMILAR,
17 SUPERVISOR.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO BACK TO YOU, LEELA. AS BETWEEN
20 H.I.P.A.A. AND THOSE PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS ON THE MEDICAL SIDE
21 OF THE LAW AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT SIDE OF THE LAW, WHICH
22 TRUMPS WHICH?

23



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1 **LEELA KAPUR:** WE BELIEVE THAT THE POLICIES SET FORTH REASONABLE
2 PARAMETERS AND THEREFORE ARE NOT UNREASONABLY INTERFERING WITH
3 THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF THE REPORTERS.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** AT LEAST SPECIFIC TO YOUR QUESTION, THE H.I.P.A.A.
6 REGS WILL TRUMP THE FIRST AMENDMENT WHEN IT COMES TO PATIENT
7 PRIVACY.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR LAW
10 DEGREE? SAME PLACE I GOT MINE.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** PROBABLY DOWN ON THE STREET SOMEWHERE BUT IT DOES AND
13 THE POLICIES ARE CONSISTENT, WHETHER IT'S A PUBLIC HOSPITAL OR
14 PRIVATE HOSPITAL. I THINK-- I'VE TALKED TO DR. CHERNOF ABOUT
15 THIS. EVERYONE RECOGNIZES THE MEDIA'S RIGHT TO COME IN AND DO
16 THEIR JOB. BUT, ON THE SAME HAND, WE HAVE SOME ABSOLUTE
17 RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PATIENT AND WE HAVE VERY SPECIFIC REGS
18 THAT WE MUST COMPLY WITH AND SO THERE'S A BALANCE THAT HAS TO
19 BE STRUCK AND HE HAS TALKED TO HIS STAFF TO ABSOLUTELY STRIKE
20 THAT BALANCE WITH...

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THE GUIDELINES, THE PROTOCOLS
23 FOR KING HOSPITAL MATERIALLY THE SAME, IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE
24 SAYING AS THEY ARE IN ALL OUR OTHER HOSPITALS?

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1 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** YES.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MS. BURKE?

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** DOES THAT APPLY TO ATTORNEYS, ALSO? BECAUSE I
6 UNDERSTAND ATTORNEYS ARE KEPT-- UNLESS IT'S A PERSON'S
7 ATTORNEY BUT JUST ATTORNEYS WHO WANT TO COME IN, IT APPLIES TO
8 THEM, AS WELL, DOESN'T IT?

9

10 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WELL, OUR MEDIA POLICY...

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** EVERYBODY. I MEAN, I JUST CAN'T WALK IN AND RUN
13 AROUND, I MEAN, THAT'S THE WHOLE PROBLEM, ISN'T IT?

14

15 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** OUR MEDIA POLICIES ARE SPECIFIC TO MEDIA
16 REQUESTS. SO INTERVIEWS, PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOTAPING. WE'VE--
17 THE HOSPITALS HAVE GENERAL POLICIES ABOUT OTHER KINDS OF
18 INDIVIDUALS COMING INTO A HOSPITAL BUT THOSE ARE NOT GOING TO
19 BE PART OF THE MEDIA POLICY.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S A DIFFERENT RULE BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THERE
22 ARE ATTORNEYS WHO STAND OUTSIDE. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OTHER
23 HOSPITALS BUT AT KING, OF COURSE, THERE'S AT LEAST ONE
24 ATTORNEY WHO STANDS OUTSIDE. AND I GATHERED THAT HE HAD BEEN
25 TOLD HE CAN'T GO INTO THE WAITING ROOM.



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2 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THERE ARE SEPARATE POLICIES THAT GOVERN
3 OTHER KINDS OF INDIVIDUALS.

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** I SEE.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE
8 THEY ALLOWED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OR THE EXAMINATION ROOM AREAS
9 OR ONCE YOU GET BEYOND THE WAITING ROOM, AM I CORRECT ON THAT?
10 I'M NOT ALLOWED TO GO IN THERE AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE
11 GOVERNING BODY.

12

13 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THE ONLY WAY THAT SOMEBODY OTHER THAN A
14 PATIENT OR A PATIENT'S DESIGNATED FAMILY BELONGS IN THOSE
15 AREAS IS WITH THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE PATIENT'S DOCTOR, THE
16 PATIENT THEMSELVES AFTER THEY'RE FULLY INFORMED, AND WITH A
17 WRITTEN CONSENT. SO IT'S THOSE THREE STEPS THAT NEED TO OCCUR.
18 THAT THE DOCTOR SAYS THE PATIENT'S CARE WILL NOT BE
19 JEOPARDIZED. THAT THE PATIENT HAS BEEN INFORMED. IT'S NOT
20 SIGNING A PIECE OF PAPER. IT'S THAT THE PATIENT UNDERSTANDS
21 THE IMPLICATIONS OF HAVING ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL IN THE ROOM AND
22 THE PURPOSE FOR THEM BEING THERE. AND THEN FINALLY THAT WE GET
23 THAT DOCUMENTED IN WRITING. IT'S NO DIFFERENT THAN AN INFORMED
24 CONSENT FOR SURGERY. IT'S NOT THE PAPER THAT COUNTS. IT'S THE
25 KNOWLEDGE THAT THAT PAPER REPRESENTS THAT'S IMPORTANT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THE ISSUE REALLY IS THE WAITING
3 ROOM. THAT'S WHERE-- I MEAN, UNDER THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES,
4 I SHOULDN'T SAY BEST, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE, A MEMBER OF THE
5 JOURNALISM COMMUNITY WHO WANTED TO GO INTO THE HOSPITAL WITH
6 THE PRIOR APPROVAL, PURSUANT TO YOUR PROTOCOLS, IT WOULD BE IN
7 THE PUBLIC AREAS OF-- THE SO-CALLED PUBLIC AREAS, THE WAITING
8 ROOM AREAS OF THE HOSPITAL, NOT IN THE EXAMINATION ROOM, NOT
9 BEYOND THE DOUBLE DOORS, NOT IN THE OPERATING ROOM?

10

11 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, WE CONSIDER THE EMERGENCY ROOM
12 TRIAGE AREAS, THE WAITING ROOM JUST OUTSIDE THE TRIAGE AREAS
13 AS PART OF THE CLINICAL CARE. YOU HAVE PATIENTS WHO COME WHO
14 HAVE POTENTIALLY SENSITIVE ILLNESSES. THEY MAY THINK THEY
15 HAVE...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND.

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19 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SO WE PROTECT PATIENT PRIVACY IN THOSE
20 LOCATIONS.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO I'M A REPORTER FOR THE
23 NEWSPAPER AND I WANT TO GO IN THE HOSPITAL. WHERE ARE YOU
24 GOING TO ALLOW ME, WITH PRIOR CONSENT, TO GO? ANYWHERE? AS
25 LONG AS I'M ESCORTED?



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2 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WITH PRIOR CONSENT, ANYWHERE.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PRIOR CONSENT OF WHOM?

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6 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THE REPORTER NEEDS TO...

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU GOING TO LET THEM GO INTO MY
9 WIFE'S HOSPITAL BEDROOM?

10

11 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** NOT WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF YOUR WIFE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO LEAVING ASIDE THE CONSENT OF
14 DOCTORS AND WIVES AND RELATIVES AND FAMILY MEMBERS, IF I JUST
15 WANT TO GO IN, I JUST WANT TO DO KIND OF A MAN ON THE STREET
16 OR MAN IN THE WAITING ROOM INTERVIEWS WITH PEOPLE, HOW ARE YOU
17 BEING TREATED? YOU KNOW, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PLACE? WHY
18 ARE YOU HERE? HAVEN'T YOU BEEN READING OUR PAPER? WHATEVER THE
19 QUESTIONS ARE, THAT WOULD BE IN THE WAITING ROOM AREA,
20 WOULDN'T IT?

21

22 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WE TREAT THE ENTIRE-- OUR POLICIES ARE
23 STRUCTURED IN A WAY THAT TREATS THE INSIDE OF THE HOSPITAL AS
24 A PROTECTED SPACE. THOSE ARE PATIENTS GETTING CARE. WE HAVE
25 PATIENTS THAT COME DOWN TO OUR LOBBIES TO STRETCH THEIR LEGS,



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1 TO SPEND TIME WITH FAMILIES OUTSIDE OF THEIR ROOMS. MANY OF
2 OUR ROOMS ARE TWO-BEDDED OR MULTI-BEDDED ROOMS SO IT'S HARD TO
3 HAVE A PRIVATE CONVERSATION IF YOU HAVE PEOPLE IN THE BED NEXT
4 DOOR. SO WE TREAT THE HOSPITAL, THE ENVELOPE OF THE HOSPITAL,
5 AS A SPACE THAT IS PROTECTED FOR PATIENT CARE PURPOSES. WE ARE
6 GLAD TO WORK WITH THE PRESS TO ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE
7 INTERVIEWS BUT WE...

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED BY THE PRESS,
10 PURSUANT TO YOUR PROTOCOLS, SINCE YOU'VE BEEN THE HEALTH
11 DIRECTOR, ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY OF THE HOSPITALS WHERE ANY
12 MEMBER OF THE PRESS HAS SAID "WHAT ARE YOUR PROTOCOLS?" YOU
13 TELL THEM WHAT YOUR PROTOCOLS ARE. THEY SAY, "WELL, WE WANT TO
14 BE, SUBJECT TO YOUR PROTOCOLS, WE WANT TO TOUR THE FACILITY,"
15 HAS ANYBODY ASKED YOU FOR THAT? AND HAVE YOU GRANTED-- HAVE
16 YOU DENIED SUCH PERMISSION? LET ME ASK YOU THAT. HAVE YOU BEEN
17 DENIED PERMISSION TO COME INTO THE HOSPITAL PURSUANT TO YOUR
18 PROTOCOLS?

19

20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THOSE REQUESTS DON'T COME TO ME. THEY COME
21 TO THE FACILITIES AND, WHEN THEY COME IN AN APPROPRIATE
22 FASHION, THEY ARE APPROVED. AND WE WORK TO MAKE SURE THAT
23 REPORTERS GET APPROPRIATE ACCESS. I HAVE NOT HAD ANY
24 COMPLAINTS COME TO ME ABOUT LACK OF ACCESS AT THE OTHER
25 FACILITIES.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I MEAN, I COULD SEE WHERE YOU'D WANT TO
7 TREAT THAT WHOLE E.R. ROOM AS TRIAGE IN PRIVACY. I MEAN, AS AN
8 EXAMPLE, THE ONE I CONTINUE TO USE WHERE THIS FRIEND OF OURS
9 WOUND UP HAVING TO USE AN E.R. AND TAKING 7 HOURS TO SEE A
10 PHYSICIAN, IF A MEMBER OF THE PRESS HAD BEEN IN THAT E.R.
11 WAITING ROOM AND ASKED TO INTERVIEW ME, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A
12 GREAT INTERVIEW BECAUSE I WOULD NOT HAVE MADE KIND REMARKS.
13 OKAY? AND I THINK THAT'S EITHER EMBELLISHMENT OF THE
14 SITUATION, WHATEVER IT MAY BE AND I THINK YOU HAVE REAL
15 EXPOSURE, POTENTIAL LIABILITY BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW WHO'S IN
16 THE ROOM. YOU DON'T KNOW WHO'S COMING OUT OF A PATIENT ROOM.
17 YOU DON'T KNOW THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES. THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. AND
18 IT'S A DELICATE BALANCE.

19

20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** IT IS.

21

22 **LEELA KAPUR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT, IN
23 REVIEWING A COUPLE OF THE POLICIES FROM PRIVATE HOSPITALS,
24 THEY SPECIFICALLY REFERENCE THE E.D. WAITING ROOM AND INCLUDE
25 THAT UNDER THEIR POLICY AND THE REASON BEING, AS YOU'VE ALL



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1 SAID, IS THAT THE PATIENTS IN THERE SHOULD BE AFFORDED THE
2 SAME PRIVACY RIGHTS AS IF A PATIENT HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO A
3 BED. AND TO TREAT THEM DIFFERENTLY, TO TREAT A PATIENT IN ONE
4 OF OUR EMERGENCY ROOM WAITING ROOMS DIFFERENTLY THAN THEY
5 WOULD BE TREATED IN A PRIVATE EMERGENCY ROOM, THAT THEY SIMPLY
6 CAN'T AFFORD TO GO TO, WOULD SEEM INEQUITABLE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN A REPORTER STAND OUTSIDE THE
9 HOSPITAL, JUST RIGHT OUTSIDE THE SLIDING DOORS BETWEEN THE
10 PARKING LOT AND THE HOSPITAL AND WAIT FOR PEOPLE TO EXIT? OR
11 IS THAT ALSO CONSIDERED PART OF THE MEDICAL ENVELOPE?

12

13 **LEELA KAPUR:** I DON'T KNOW THE PHYSICAL MAKEUP OF THE
14 FACILITIES BUT I-- WE DO...

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, SAY YOU HAVE A BUILDING AND
17 YOU HAVE A DOOR INTO THE BUILDING AND YOU'RE WAITING RIGHT
18 OUTSIDE THE DOOR.

19

20 **LEELA KAPUR:** THE POLICIES DO SPECIFICALLY ALLOW FOR THE MEDIA
21 TO FILM RIGHT OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL AS LONG AS THEY ARE NOT
22 DISRUPTING PATIENT FLOW.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND TO INTERVIEW ANYBODY WHO WALKS
25 OUT THE DOOR IF THEY CHOOSE TO BE INTERVIEWED?



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DR. BRUCE CHERNOF: THE PURPOSE OF THE POLICY IS NOT TO-- IS TO PROTECT PATIENT PRIVACY AND NOT DISRUPT PATIENT'S ACCESS TO CARE. SO THE REASONABLENESS STANDARD THAT MS. KAPUR IS DESCRIBING IS YOU DON'T WANT SOMEBODY STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE EMERGENCY ROOM DOOR INTERVIEWING EVERYBODY WHO COMES IN AND COMES OUT IN A WAY THAT APPEARS TO IMPEDE CARE. BUT A REASONABLE-- PEOPLE WHO ARE OUTSIDE THE FACILITY, THAT'S THEIR BUSINESS AS LONG AS THEY'RE NOT IMPEDING PATIENT'S ACCESS TO CARE.

11

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: BUT YOU CAN SEE WHY SOME PEOPLE MIGHT NOT SEE IT THAT WAY, ESPECIALLY A JOURNALISTIC INSTITUTION WHO MAY SEE ALL THIS AS FINE AND GOOD ABOUT PATIENT CARE AND PATIENT PRIVACY BUT ALSO MAY SEE IT, IN THE CASE OF A TROUBLED HOSPITAL, AS AN ATTEMPT TO FRUSTRATE THEIR ABILITY TO GET AT A STORY. I THINK, JUST WALK A MILE IN THE OTHER GUY'S SHOES. SO I WOULD LIKE TO...

19

SUP. KNABE: JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE TROUBLED DOESN'T MEAN YOU CHANGE THE RULES FOR THEM.

22

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: NO. AS LONG AS THE RULES ARE LEGAL AND AS LONG AS THE RULES ARE APPLIED CONSISTENTLY ACROSS THE BOARD AT ALL OF OUR FACILITIES OR SUBSTANTIVELY CONSISTENT



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1 WITH ALL OF OUR FACILITIES, AND THEN I THINK SOMEBODY IN YOUR
2 SHOP NEEDS TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH THEM OR MAYBE SINCE
3 IT'S A LEGAL ISSUE NOW, WE GOT A LETTER FROM THEIR LAWYERS,
4 THAT MAYBE THE LAWYERS NEED TO TALK AND UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR
5 PRACTICE IS AND IF THEY WILL BE SATISFIED-- NOT IF THEY WOULD
6 BE SATISFIED BUT SEE IF WE CAN SATISFY THEM ON THAT SCORE AND
7 THAT THERE'S A MODUS OF AVENDI AND A MODUS OPERANDI THAT
8 HERE'S HOW YOU GO ABOUT IT. YOU GOT TO DO IT ACCORDING TO
9 THESE RULES. MAYBE THAT WILL SATISFY THEM. MAYBE NOT. BUT YOU
10 CAN KEEP US POSTED ON THAT.

11

12 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I WILL BE GLAD TO, CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT.
15 THANK YOU, BRUCE.

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17 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LEELA, WILL YOU CONTACT THEM?

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21 **LEELA KAPUR:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO, BEFORE WE ACT ON 41-A,
24 WE HAVE DR. CLAVREUL WANTED TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM. GOOD
25 MORNING.



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2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ACTUALLY, IT'S GOOD AFTERNOON.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE RIGHT.

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6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM AMAZED
7 ALWAYS AT THE EFFORT TO PREVENT TRANSPARENCY. I'M HAPPY THAT
8 YOU DIDN'T BRING THE ISSUE OF THE CAFETERIA. ANYBODY HAS THE
9 RIGHT TO GO TO YOUR CAFETERIA IN A HOSPITAL. THAT ISSUE WASN'T
10 EVEN BROUGHT UP. IT IS VERY OBVIOUS ABOUT KING HARBOR, OR
11 WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT, IS A PREVENTION OF TRANSPARENCY.
12 WE STILL HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO VIEW THE TAPE OF THAT FATEFUL
13 NIGHT IN THE E.R. AT KING DREW. IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE HAD
14 ACCESS TO IT AND MAYBE IT WILL STOP A LOT OF REQUESTS FOR
15 INFORMATION. I AM ALSO AMAZED THAT DR. CHERNOF IS SO BEHIND
16 TIME. IT NO LONGER J.C.A.H.O. OR J.C.A.H.O. OR WHATEVER HE
17 CALL IT, IT'S JOINT ACCREDITATION. SO MAYBE, YOU KNOW, IT COME
18 UP TO KNOW THE APPROPRIATE TERMINOLOGY TO DEAL WITH ISSUE,
19 THAT WOULD BE NICE. AND IF THE ISSUE OF KING-HARBOR, HE
20 CONSTANTLY MENTIONED THE ISSUE OF J.C.A.H.O. WE LOST OUR JOINT
21 ACCREDITATION AT KING DREW A LONG TIME AGO. SO I THINK IT IS
22 TOTALLY IRRELEVANT IN THE ISSUE OF KING DREW. BUT SINCE WE ARE
23 TALKING ABOUT THE TRANSPARENCY, I SUBMITTED TO YOU A REQUEST
24 UNDER THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORD ACT SECTION 6253(A), I
25 REQUESTED ACCESS TO ALSO UNDER THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORD



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1 ACT SECTION 6256 AND 6257, I REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT TO
2 REVIEW A COPY OF ALL INVOICES PAID TO THE SEARCH FIRM THAT WAS
3 ENGAGED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO FILL THE VACANT POSITION
4 OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND RESULTING IN A DECISION OF
5 PROCESS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WANT A LIST OF THE
6 CANDIDATES THAT WERE REVIEWED DURING THE FINAL SELECTION. SUCH
7 INFORMATION WOULD INCLUDE BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE PROPOSALS
8 THEMSELVES, CORRESPONDENCE, MEMOS, EMAIL IN REGARD TO THE
9 PROPOSAL, THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WHY DON'T YOU JUST GIVE IT
12 TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND WE'LL ELIMINATE THE MIDDLEMAN. THANK
13 YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 41-A WILL BE NOTED
14 AND FILED. DR. CLAVREUL, DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO C.S.-1 WHILE
15 YOU'RE THERE? OKAY, THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE ANYTHING
16 ELSE? ADJOURNMENTS. MR. KNABE AND MS. MOLINA, THEN MS. BURKE.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL MEMBERS WILL WANT TO JOURNAL WITH ME IN THIS
19 ADJOURNMENT. WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY ELIZABETH BLESSING
20 TOWNSEND, MOTHER OF GARY TOWNSEND, CHIEF DEPUTY TO ASSESSOR
21 RICK AUERBACH, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AFTER A LONG FIGHT
22 WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. SHE WAS 93 YEARS OLD AND SHE WAS
23 BORN IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS AND MRS. TOWNSEND LIVED IN LOUISIANA
24 UNTIL 1964, WHEN THE FAMILY MOVED TO CALIFORNIA. MARY WAS A
25 VERY HARD-WORKING, SPIRITUAL WOMAN WHO LOVED LIFE AND CARED



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1 DEEPLY ABOUT THOSE SHE LOVED. SHE ENJOYED PLAYING GOLF,
2 READING AND TRAVELING, PLAYING CARDS AND VISITING FRIENDS. SHE
3 IS SURVIVED BY HER SONS, DONALD AND GARY, SIBLINGS, JOHN AND
4 DOROTHY, GRANDCHILDREN, TWILA AND DOUGLAS, AND SIX GREAT-
5 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF VIRGILIO
6 MALONZO, AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST AT METRO WHO
7 PASSED AWAY AFTER SUFFERING A MASSIVE HEART ATTACK ON JULY
8 14TH. HE WAS 60 YEARS OLD. VIRGILIO WAS RAISED IN MANILA,
9 PHILIPPINES AND FIRST CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1977. HE
10 BEGAN WORKING FOR METRO IN '79. RECEIVED HIS CITIZENSHIP IN
11 1985. HE HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE
12 TEAM IN METRO AND WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY HIS COWORKERS,
13 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE BROTHERS, TWO
14 SISTERS WHO WILL REMEMBER HIM BEST FOR HIS LOVE OF KARAOKE AND
15 CASINOS AND DEVOTION TO HIS NIECES AND NEPHEWS. THOSE ARE MY
16 ADJOURNMENTS.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T HAVE ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS BUT I DO HAVE
21 AN ISSUE THAT I WANT TO BRING UP. I KNOW THAT, NEXT WEEK, I
22 HAD ASKED TO HAVE-- AND I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY COUNSEL.
23 THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE GOT A MEMO BEFOREHAND. THIS IS
24 SCHEDULED ON THE COUNTY COUNSEL CLAIMS BOARD ISSUE. I
25 APPRECIATE THAT YOU GOT ME THE MEMO. I READ IT. I DON'T GET IT



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1 BUT I READ IT. AND SINCE I HAD GOTTEN IT BEFOREHAND, I WANTED
2 TO TELL YOU THAT, IN ORDER FOR US TO GET A BETTER APPRECIATION
3 AS TO THE RATIONALE ON THIS, I NEED YOU TO MAYBE TAKE SOME OF
4 THE CASES THAT YOU'VE DONE IN THE PAST, BECAUSE I DON'T
5 UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING TO BE DIFFERENT, AS YOU SUMMARIZE
6 THESE CASES, MAY BE A GOOD THING AND MAY BE FINE BUT IT'S HARD
7 FROM THIS MEMO TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN. SO I WANTED TO
8 TAKE THE LIBERTY OF GIVING YOU SOME CASES THAT WERE FROM LAST
9 YEAR. AND, YOU KNOW, IT LOOKS LIKE I LOST THEM. NO, HERE THEY
10 ARE. AND I HAVE THREE. AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO PICK
11 OTHERS. ACTUALLY, FOUR OR FIVE THAT WE HAVE WHAT YOU GAVE US
12 BEFORE. AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT YOU PLAN ON
13 GIVING US BY COMPARISON TO THESE CASES. AND THEN, IN YOUR
14 EXAMPLES, I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT YOU SAID THAT THERE
15 HAD BEEN MANY YEARS IN WHICH THERE'S BEEN DISCUSSION IN COUNTY
16 COUNSEL'S OFFICE AS TO WHY WE DO THIS AND HOW IT HAPPENED AND
17 WHY IT HAPPENED. WE DON'T KNOW THAT. BUT, IF WE READ THIS
18 MEMO, AS WELL, WHEN WE CHANGE THIS POLICY, IT DOESN'T TALK
19 ABOUT OR GIVE EXAMPLES WHY WE'RE CHANGING IT, EITHER. SO, FIVE
20 YEARS FROM NOW, WHEN WE LOOK AT IT OR REVIEW IT, WE WON'T KNOW
21 WHY. AND SO, IN THAT PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 3, IT SAYS FOR EXAMPLE.
22 IT WOULD BE GOOD TO GIVE US SOME EXAMPLES OF THAT AND WHERE.
23 IT JUST MADE A STATEMENT BUT IT DOESN'T GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE.
24 SO I JUST WANTED TO SHARE THAT WITH YOU BECAUSE I KNOW WE'RE
25 GOING TO DISCUSS THIS NEXT WEEK AND, IN ORDER TO BETTER



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1 DISCUSS IT, I THINK THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO KNOW-- WE KNOW HOW
2 YOU'VE BEEN DOING IT AND THAT'S WORKED VERY, VERY WELL FROM
3 THE STANDPOINT OF CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. BUT WE NEED TO KNOW HOW
4 YOU PLAN ON DOING IT BECAUSE IT MAY BE OKAY BECAUSE I'M NOT SO
5 SURE WE NEED TO LET PLAINTIFF'S BAR KNOW EVERYTHING THAT WE'RE
6 DOING EVERY MINUTE INCLUDING OUR STRATEGY BUT I WANT TO
7 APPRECIATE HOW IT WILL LOOK DIFFERENT.

8

9 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I UNDERSTAND AND WE CAN
10 CERTAINLY DO THAT. I WOULD MENTION THAT OUR MEMO DOESN'T
11 REALLY DEAL WITH THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN COMPONENT OF THE
12 MATERIAL THAT'S PRESENTED AS PART OF A SETTLEMENT PACKET. I
13 DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT'S SOMETHING YOU WOULD WANT US TO BE
14 DEALING WITH. THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING WE WOULD WORK WITH THE
15 C.E.O. ON.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. IT ISN'T AN ISSUE BUT, FROM THAT-- FROM
18 THOSE, IT BECOMES A CORRECTIVE ACTION. FOR EXAMPLE, DONOVAN
19 MAIN JUST EMAILED ME ON A CASE WE JUST LOST. NOW, I'M LOOKING
20 AT THIS CASE, AND IT'S, LIKE, YOU KNOW, WHAT CAN I TELL YOU?
21 IT'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN BEEFING ABOUT FOR A LONG, LONG TIME.
22 I DON'T WANT TO SAY IT PUBLICLY BUT IT'S A PERFECT EXAMPLE.

23

24 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE NEED TO KNOW HOW WE'RE LOSING THESE CASES OR
2 WHAT IT IS THAT'S GOING ON OR WHAT BROUGHT IT ABOUT. THIS ONE
3 SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN LOST IF SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE JUST
4 FOLLOWED THEIR BASIC RESPONSIBILITY AS A SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** WHAT I'M HEARING, THOUGH, SUPERVISOR, I
7 UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING YOU'RE SAYING. WHAT I'M HEARING IS THAT
8 WE SHOULD BE DISCUSSING WITH THE C.E.O. AND WHETHER WE CAN DO
9 THAT BEFORE NEXT WEEK OR IN FOLLOW-UP, HOW THE CORRECTIVE
10 ACTION PLAN WORKS INTO ALL OF THIS AS FAR AS WHAT IS DISCLOSED
11 PUBLICLY AND WHAT IS NOT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IT ISN'T JUST THE CORRECTIVE ACTION. IT'S
14 THE ISSUE OF TRANSPARENCY. WHAT IS IT THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD
15 KNOW? THESE ARE TAX DOLLARS. IF WE'RE GOING TO PAY OUT 2
16 MILLION OR 300,000 FOR SOME OF THESE THINGS, WHY ARE WE PAYING
17 IT? DID SOMEBODY TRIP OVER A SIDEWALK? I MEAN, THAT HAPPENS
18 ALL THE TIME. BUT WHAT ARE WE DOING TO CORRECT IT? I THINK THE
19 PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW THAT PART OF IT. NOW, TO WHAT EXTENT WAS
20 OUR LEGAL STRATEGY? I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT
21 PART OF IT. BUT WE DO NEED TO EXPLAIN TO THE PUBLIC, WHY NOT?
22 AND EXAMPLES OF WHY NOT. IN THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, I THINK
23 WE'RE ALWAYS IN THE PROCESS OF REFINING IT. BUT, UNTIL
24 SOMEBODY TELLS US HOW WE LOST A CASE AND THE ONE THAT DONOVAN
25 MAIN JUST SENT OVER TO ME, IT TELLS US CLEARLY HOW WE LOST



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1 THIS CASE. AND THE WORST PART FOR ME IS THAT THE CORRECTIVE
2 ACTION HAS TO GO BACK AND FIND OUT WHO THAT PERSON WAS THAT
3 DIDN'T DO THEIR JOB THAT LED TO THIS HUGE AWARD. AND I THINK
4 THAT'S-- HOW DO WE CREATE THIS BALANCE? AND SO I GOT YOUR
5 MEMO. I TRULY APPRECIATE IT. I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU THESE CASES.
6 IF YOU WANT TO PICK OTHERS, THAT'S FINE. BUT THIS IS WHAT WE
7 USED TO GET AND WHAT WE'RE GOING TO GET NOW. I THINK IT WILL
8 HELP WITH THE BOARD DISCUSSION.

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10 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** CERTAINLY, SUPERVISOR.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
17 MEMORY OF CARL VENTO, A LONG TIME L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
18 PARKS AND RECREATION EMPLOYEE WHO RETIRED AFTER 40 YEARS OF
19 DEDICATED SERVICE IN MARCH 2006. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS
20 MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND ERNEST T. HAMILTON,
21 JR., A COMMISSIONER ON DISABILITIES WHO PASSED AWAY JULY 17TH.
22 COMMISSIONER HAMILTON WAS APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION ON
23 DISABILITIES IN DECEMBER OF 1993. HE WAS A COUNSELOR AND
24 DEDICATED ADVOCATE FOR DISABLED PERSONS AND THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS
25 MANDATED BY A.D.A. AS A PLAYWRIGHT, HE ALSO HAD A MOST



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1 SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOR WITH DISPLAY, "THERE IS HELP IN GIMP
2 CITY", A PLAY HE STRONGLY FELT WOULD SENSITIZE THE COMMUNITY
3 TO THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND INCREASE
4 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS
5 DAUGHTER, STACEY BRANNON, AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN, JAY LEE,
6 JEREMIAH AND JORDAN. I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL MEMBERS.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY. ERNEST WAS ONE OF MY APPOINTEES.

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10 **SUP. BURKE:** ERNIE HAMILTON WAS A PERSON WHO WORKED SO HARD.
11 AND, REALLY, HE ENJOYED SO MUCH HIS WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT
12 AND WITH THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES. HE HAD BEEN AN
13 ATHLETE IN HIS LIFETIME BEFORE HE SUFFERED FROM A VERY
14 UNFORTUNATE AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT AND HIS SERVICE IS TODAY AND
15 WE'LL HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM OUR OFFICE THERE. BUD I'D
16 LIKE TO ASK ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN IN ADJOURNING.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY. HE WAS AN INCREDIBLE ADVOCATE, A GOOD
19 FRIEND AND ERNEST WILL TRULY BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. I
20 MEAN, HIS PERSEVERANCE AND HIS TENACIOUSNESS AT TIMES ALWAYS
21 FOR THE RIGHT REASONS AND ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF THOSE WITH
22 DISABILITIES. AND THE WAY HE GOT AROUND ON HIS OWN, EVEN WITH
23 HIS OWN SITUATION, AND "GIMP CITY" WAS A GREAT PLAY.

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25 **SUP. BURKE:** EXCELLENT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THAT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** BARBARA MCIVER, THE MOTHER-IN-LAW OF MY STAFF
5 MEMBER, DONNA, AND MOTHER OF HER HUSBAND, ROB CORDIG. SHE
6 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER SONS, ROY, RAY, ROBERT AND
7 CHARLES, GRANDCHILDREN AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAWS. AND WALTER BARON,
8 FOUNDING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF CITY CLUB ON BUNKER HILLS.
9 HE JOINED ERNST AND WHINNEY PREDECESSOR TO ERNST AND YOUNG IN
10 1948 UPON GRADUATING FROM BAYLOR UNIVERSITY. HE BECAME PARTNER
11 IN 1960. HE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1971 WHERE HE WAS VICE
12 CHAIRMAN AND MANAGEMENT PARTNER OF THE FIRM'S WESTERN REGIONAL
13 OFFICE UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT FROM ERNST & YOUNG IN 1986. HE
14 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, SPEEDY, AND THEIR TWO
15 SONS, JIM AND JOHN BERAN.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOHN IN WALTERS AS WELL. GREAT GUY.

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** HE'S GOING TO BE HONORED AT A CEREMONY IN THE NEXT
20 COUPLE OF WEEKS.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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24 **SUP. BURKE:** I AM NOT HOLDING ANYTHING.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WE'RE ONLY DOWN TO PUBLIC
2 COMMENT NOW. PATRICIA MAULCAHY. -- MULCAHEY?

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4 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** IN REGARDS TO AGENDA ITEM 36 WHO ASKED THAT
5 IT BE HELD, IT SEEMS THAT THE COURT OF JUSTICE OPERATES AS A
6 KANGAROO JUSTICE SYSTEM AND THE _____ OF THE FOSTER
7 BOARDS ARE STILL SUFFERING SEXUAL ABUSE. IN REFERENCE TO COURT
8 CASE NUMBER 04-11186-1127-44, POLICE REPORT D.A. HELLER,
9 CRIMINAL CASE NUMBER M.A. 02938, D.A. HELLER'S PHONE NUMBER IS
10 661-977-7700. IN REGARDS TO COURT REPORTER LINDA ELFOR, THAT'S
11 E-L-F-O-R, PHONE NUMBER 661-974-7570. TRANSCRIPT HEARING
12 REQUESTING NOVEMBER THE 29TH, 2007. COULD YOU STOP THAT CLOCK,
13 PLEASE? IT SEEMS THAT, AGAIN, I'M ASKING YOU TO STOP THE
14 CLOCK. I STILL HAVE A MINUTE 40 LEFT.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 3 MINUTES.

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18 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** AGAIN, TO REFERENCE THE K.D.H. SETTLEMENT
19 DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL NEW VICTIMS THAT HAVE SUFFERED MENTAL
20 ABUSE, SEXUAL ABUSE OR HAS DIED. _____ COMMITTED
21 PERJURY OR COVERED UP WITH FALSE AWARDS. _____ HAS
22 SUFFERED THROUGH HEALTH IN REGARDS TO YOUR FALSE SECURE
23 SYSTEM. IT SEEMS THE COURT IS-- DOES AND DOES OPERATE AS A
24 KANGAROO COURT. AGAIN, POLICE REPORT NUMBER 04- 1187-- 04-
25 11186-1127-44 DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL NEW VICTIMS IN REGARD TO



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1 THE K.D.H. SETTLEMENT. DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL THAT THE CHILDREN
2 THAT HAS DIED IN REGARDS TO THIS CASE. STILL ONE OF YOU
3 ADDRESS IN REGARDS TO THIS SITUATION. COMMENT
4 YAROSOSAVICH[SIC]?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GO INTO CLOSED SESSION?

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
9 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
10 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.-1, CONFERENCE
11 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION AND ITEM
12 C.S.-2 AND C.S.-3 CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
13 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, TWO CASES, AS INDICATED ON
14 THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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